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What is the Message?



Guides of the 56th City of Edinburgh Company practise semaphore in the grounds of Donaldson's School for the Deaf, Edinburgh. There are twenty companies and packs for deaf Guides and Brownies in Great Britain and many more could be started if Guiders with the right qualifications could be found. More teachers for schools for deaf children are also badly needed. Graduates and certificated teachers can train for teaching the deaf by taking a year's course at the Department for Education of the Deaf, the University, Manchester. Another method of training is for teachers to join the staff of a school for deaf children and take the Deaf Diploma externally. Staff are also needed to look after children in residential schools out of school hours, and for these posts experience already gained with Guides and Brownies would be invaluable. If there is a school for the deaf in YOUR district does your company invite some of the children to a games afternoon or a hike? Do your Rangers ever ask a deaf girl, possibly in her first job and away from home, to a meeting or to tea in their own homes? Deaf people are often lonely because they are 'cut off' from the hearing world and there are many opportunities for Scouts and Guides to make friends with them.

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'We Will Remember Them'

Katharine Furse and Rose Kerr Remembrance Fund

IN love and gratitude—those are the words written and spoken for those who have left us. At anniversaries, on special occasions, the thoughts fly back to the days when they were with us, when they shared our work and our joys, when they gave us their service and their friendship. These two people, whose names now are being bracketed together for a common project, will never be forgotten in our World Sisterhood, as being such great people, such inspiring leaders, and such examples as will stand for all time in our ranks. They cannot ever be forgotten, surely, in this generation, and for generations to come, too. We *will* remember them.

It was not thought possible until now to lay any suggestion before you, for keeping their memories in the forefront of our movement, and it is only now after considerable time has gone by, that the World Committee brings you the suggestion that a Remembrance Fund should be opened in their names. The money that will come in in response will be invested safely, and the interest used for something that was very dear to their hearts—i.e., the endowment of 'Our Ark', the World Association's Girl Scout-Guide Hostel in London.

When 'Our Ark' was Planned

It was during Dame Katharine's 'reign' as our first Director that Our Ark was planned, and she in fact gave it that name. It was during Mrs. Mark Kerr's term of office as County Commissioner for all London, as International Commissioner for the British Guide Association, and as Commissioner for Tenderfoot Countries, that this very valuable centre was established, which gave both these two close friends such delight.

For it was here, in the heart of London, that our *foyer* was so greatly needed by visiting Guides and Girl Scouts and leaders from all the ends of the earth. Here, in the city where the whole movement was born, we needed a place where these people of all kinds and all ages might be happily and comfortably housed awhile at a modest cost, and—what was far more important still—where they might meet one another, where lasting friendships might be formed that would have value in individual people's lives, where understanding and goodwill would be lovingly fostered, as the furtherance of our movement's aim.

We hoped that within the walls of this tiny old house friends would come together and find revived faith and love for our Guide-Scout Fellowship and relive former happy experiences in its sociable atmosphere. New Guide folk would come to find a welcome, and echoes of the spirit of 'Our Chalet', of Camp Edith Macy, of Buitenzorg, of Les Courmettes and of Foxlease—something indefinable of each and every one of the special 'Guide Houses' scattered about the world—would be there, making them at ease and at home.

Our Ark stands for something more than 'bed and board'. It has stood from its inception, as it stands today, as a legacy from those two wonderful people who together helped

to bring it into being. Let us remember them, and pause to think again, of all they were to our movement, and all they were to us personally.

Katharine Furse was a great and valiant woman, who had lost her husband in early married life, and then flung herself into all manner of 'services'—first of all the Red Cross, later managing travellers in Switzerland and teaching there the sport at which she excelled amongst the mountains that she loved.

High Courage and Strong Convictions

Her name will go down in history as the founder and first Director of the Women's Royal Naval Service in the First World War—a woman of high courage and strong convictions, with an immense capacity for hard work, and a deeply questioning mind, full of idealism and of artistic and poetic sensibility. What a mixture she was of the active woman seeing a thing through and a dreamer of dreams!

Her service to the World Association can never be forgotten, as she was asked by my husband to be its first 'builder'; and a hard task it was in those days to deal tactfully and wisely with all manner of problems and people. She never spared herself, or counted the cost of time and thought, trouble and effort, but gave fully of her best for the movement in which she had such faith, and which she served so well.

True understanding between peoples, confidence and faith in one another, wide-minded tolerance between those separated by race, language, creed or nationality, and the ideal of international friendship, were not mere words to her but things above all that she believed in, and cared for and strove for to her utmost, throughout the years of her Guide service.

We will remember her always, with admiration and gratitude, in all her capacities in the movement; but at this moment—with the Endowment Fund for Our Ark in the forefront of our thinking—can we give generously, as she would have given, when the urgent need is thus known?

And, as we think of Katharine Furse, we are now without hesitation coupling this second loved name of Rose Kerr with hers. They were different yet alike, and the closest of allies in all work for the movement.

One of the First Guide Leaders

Rosie Kerr, as all will perhaps know through her writings, was one of the first Guide Leaders in Britain, a close friend of the Founder, and I would say the most outstanding figure in all our history. It was perhaps not until she was called to higher service in 1944 that any of us fully realised how great our loss would be.

Never has there been a more striking or more entrancing person within our ranks. Never did anyone do more for every branch of Guiding in one capacity or another, serving Britain first, from the beginning years, and London County

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Finding the Right Words

By Elizabeth Grey

THE trouble with writing is that it looks easy. After all, it's only a matter of putting down words on paper—and they are all there in the dictionary; it's only a question of sorting them out!

That's why, when most of us with the urge to express ourselves in words actually settle down to it, we become disheartened. Because it is then that we find the gossamer we have spun in our minds turns to unbleached calico. And it's at this point, if we aren't very determined, that we give up. We make excuses; we procrastinate; and in the end the novel, the poem, the story or even the article or short note on a new method of training for THE GUIDER, never gets written. And we miss the wonderful sense of achievement that comes with the creation of something truly expressive of ourselves.

If only we'd face from the beginning the fact that writing is *difficult*—and all the more worth while for that—perhaps, paradoxically, it would become easier, for we would try harder, and achieve more.

How do we know when an article is written well? Does it catch our attention from the word 'Go'? Does it hold our interest to the last word? Oh! the dreariness of articles which tell us that the meeting was 'interesting'—but don't tell us why. 'An interesting discussion followed . . .' You know the sort of thing. Why whet our appetites then leave them unassuaged?

'But,' you may argue, 'I've so little space, there isn't room for details.' Are you sure? Are you sure there isn't a sentence here that could be omitted, or re-worded more neatly? A paragraph there that could be shortened? A superfluous word? A repetition?

Every Word should Pull its Weight!

It is important to keep to the word-length the Editor wants, but it is just as important to make every word pull its weight. Draft out your article (or it may be a story), then leave it for a day or two and come back to it fresh. You'll be surprised how different it looks, and how much you'll see that isn't necessary. Unnecessary words will bore your readers. They'll begin to skip sentences, looking for the 'meat'. Give them the meat without the trimmings, and they'll read every word. They'll have to.

Your opening and closing sentences are most important. Most editors will read them first—and, perhaps, read no more! They can't be blamed for that, because many of their readers will do the same. A wise and experienced writer once advised beginners to: 'spend three-quarters of your time on the first paragraph, and the other quarter on the rest. Then scrap the first paragraph.' Absurd? Not at all. Wrestling with the first paragraph gets you into the mood of the subject and clarifies your thoughts so that they flow smoothly and easily. But your early struggles will most likely be so apparent in the stilted wording of the first sentences that they do not sit easily on the rest of the work. I frequently lop off my first paragraphs, and none of my work has suffered. (Oddly enough, those carefully-thought-out first sentences often sit more easily on the end of an article.)

Go for your Target

Plunge straight into your subject. This helps to catch your reader's eye. *Never* forget how easily her attention wanders. Imagine that she is reading in a crowded room, surrounded by fascinating conversations, and remind yourself that the moment *your* words become dull, she will cease to read and begin listening to what is going on around her.

So much for the reader. What does the Editor want? First of all, the same things as the reader demands—after all, she's human, too! Sustained interest, crisp writing—

information, please—not impressions, unless they are brilliant (and alas, they never are as brilliant as we thought they were in bed last night); a careful choice of words, not clichés. Think up your own metaphors and similes; it's lazy to borrow other people's, and you never get away with it, unless you can give them a clever twist, and that's harder than thinking up something new.

Points to Remember

Anything else? Yes—even if your work is brilliant it will be useless unless it is readable. Type, if you possibly can, but in any case write *clearly*, using double-spacing, on one side only of quarto paper. Leave wide margins on each side for sub-editing. Remember that magazines 'go to bed' far ahead of the date on the cover. Monthlies often go to press six months ahead, so that if you are submitting an article with a topical slant (say, on Christmas presents) it must be sent in at least eight months ahead. (For weeklies read 'weeks' instead of 'months'.)

If your work has been commissioned (if, for instance, you have been asked to send in a report on a conference) find out from your Editor when her press date is, and see that your work arrives well before the deadline. Be *reliable*, and you will be asked for more. Be *unreliable* and your name will be mud.

Look Ahead

It's common sense, then—if a little topsy-turvy—not to send an Editor of a monthly 'summer' stories in July, when she's probably brooding over her Christmas issue. But send her something she is looking for *then*, and she will look on you as a fairy godmother. That, I think, is half the secret; sending the Editor *what* she wants, *when* she wants it.

The other half, of course, is just that little matter I mentioned at the beginning—of putting the right words in the right order. And, as I pointed out then, they are all in the dictionary—all you have to do is to sort them out.

'We Will Remember Them'

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in particular, whilst giving all the rest of her very best on travels far afield as our finest ambassador, a brilliant speaker and conversationalist—in many languages other than her own, too—the kindest helper and friend to those less fortunate than herself—oh! a glorious friend indeed, who once known could never be forgotten; one truly beloved, whose splendid qualities and lovely character were the admiration of all who had the privilege of knowing her, and who was held in deep affection wherever she went, by those whose lives she personally touched with a magic of her own.

In remembrance let us give with the generosity that Katharine Furse and Rose Kerr showed in their giving. In gratitude for what they did for each one of us personally, in appreciation of their never-to-be-forgotten service to our movement; in thankfulness for their lives and the happyfying of so many people of all ages in many lands, and as a result of the unbounded giving of their very selves in Guide service, can we make our Fund in their memory a fitting one, and worthy to bear their names?

Olave Baden-Powell

[WORLD CHIEF GUIDE]

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Half-Way Round the World!

A MAGIC carpet has often been used by writers of fairy tales to convey their characters with great speed and ease from one part of the world to another—now we just take a plane, with very much the same result! Such was my good fortune recently to travel half-way round the world to visit the Girl Scouts of the Philippines.

The Philippine Islands might easily be called the Hospitable Islands, for throughout the whole trip the hospitality and welcome were wonderful.

The Tree Naming Ceremony

The first four weeks were spent at their Girl Scout National Training School where as well as training sessions there were two special events. On May 26, the fourteenth birthday of Philippine Scouting was celebrated and the wife of the President was invested as a Girl Scout. On June 1, a tree naming ceremony took place to honour the Founder, the World Chief Guide, Juliette Low, and Mrs. Escoda, the founder of Girl Scouting in the Philippines.

After the National Training School followed three weeks when every minute was packed with fresh experiences, new friendships and changing scenes.

The Girl Scout Troops are mainly in schools, and one interesting day spent visiting such Troops started at 7.15 a.m. when I was collected in the Girl Scout station wagon and driven for an hour into an adjoining Province, there to be met by the President and members of the Council, and, much to our surprise, by an escort of Military Police. This latter, not because of any particular danger, but because Girl Scouting is so well received by the public that it was just a way of expressing appreciation.

The first visit was to a Barrio (village) school where Intermediate Scouts (the equivalent of our Guides) gave a most fascinating demonstration of pottery making, using clay which was found nearby. These pots were used as small cooking stoves, and jars in which to boil rice, and were fired by being

placed under a pile of dry rice straw and coconut leaves which were burnt for a day. The Scouts at the next school were weaving mats and hats from split palm leaves, and the hats would be sold for about 6d. each! Toffee making and hand loom weaving were shown by two other Troops, and in another Barrio school the Intermediates were making fishing nets for which they were paid at the rate of approximately 4d. per metre. This money they were saving to help to buy their uniforms.



Miss Brindley fixes the Founder's name to a narra tree outside the Philippine Girl Scout National Training School at Quezon City

Travelling by air made it possible to visit certain parts of the southern islands, and everywhere the plane touched down there was a sea of jade green uniform and smiling faces. The first lap of the journey from Manila to Iliolo started at 6 a.m. and we arrived in time for breakfast two hours later. The many visits included one to a Girl Scout Troop concert, to a T.B. Sanatorium, and a trip by boat to a small island where Brownies, Intermediates, Cubs and Scouts were lined up on the tiny quayside. Although they were so cut off from the rest of the country, Scouting on this tiny island was very flourishing.

In contrast to this isolation was the beautiful and spacious Headquarters of Cebu, and the wonderful camp site high up on one of the mountains. The most southerly point reached was Cagayan de Oro in Mindanao where Scouting is very alive and numbers were good. This part of the country is famed for its thousands of acres of pineapples which are canned and sent all over the world.



Girl Scouts at Tinajero earn money for their uniform by making fishing nets

Another wonderful trip was to the mountain region in the north where the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts joined to give excellent displays of national dancing in costume. Here we were able to go to a prospective camp site high on a hill, access to which could only be gained by crossing a river and following the tracks of the native Igorot people who live in that region.

No Waiting for Boiling Water

The final trip by air was to the region of the Mayon volcano, and there, almost under its shadow, we cooked bananas over a campfire, and visited the boiling pools where one can cook anything by dangling it into the bubbling water.

The experiences were so many and varied that it would be impossible in a short space to record more than a few, but everywhere, throughout the length and breadth of the islands, the welcome was as warm as their tropical climate.

MARJORIE BRINDLEY

I.H.Q. At Home

HEADQUARTERS is looking forward to welcoming many District and Division Commissioners to I.H.Q. on October 26 and 27. The programme was published on page 178 of the August GUIDER, and an invitation, with a slip to be detached and sent to Headquarters, can be obtained by any District, Division or Assistant Division Commissioner from her County Secretary, or from I.H.Q. on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

Brownie Records

ONE of the little extras which makes all the difference to the appearance of our Brownie meeting-places is a supply of colourful charts.

There are, of course, certain essential records we must keep, such as an accurate register in which can be found the age, date of enrolment, attendance and progress of each Brownie. Of great importance, too, are the pack accounts, where every penny of the Brownie funds is recorded and from which an accurate picture of the pack's financial state can always be obtained. We shall probably need also a 'waiting-list' so that if the pack is already full the would-be Brownies can be taken in, in the fairest and best way.

These are the bare bones of the pack's administration and some of the progress records can be dressed up to appear interesting and attractive.

The Brownies Can Help

For the Guider (or pack leader) with clever fingers and abundant imagination there are countless gay charts that can be produced, but there are also simple types within the scope of the less gifted. Best of all, there are those the Brownies can help to make themselves.

If equipment for Brownie meetings has to be carried to and from the hall each week charts need to be made portable, well protected and strong. It is wise to carry them in strong envelopes and to cover all except the progress type with cellophane, attached with gummed strips or adhesive tape.

However good or attractive our charts may be, they should be changed quite frequently if the pack's interest in them is to be sustained. We therefore need to produce them as economically as possible, in terms of money and time.

Save Your Cartons

Large sheets of cardboard and coloured paper can be bought at most art shops but it is quite possible to use cardboard cartons, cutting these neatly and, if necessary, gumming two thicknesses together to make a stronger background. Old calendars, also, make excellent bases.

Gummed paper shapes and coloured squares are most useful, and excellent results may be obtained by using them.

Pictures cut out from THE GUIDER, THE GUIDE, and other magazines, advertisements, seed catalogues, etc., are invaluable, and the urge to collect such pictures, tempered by the knack of knowing which will be useful, can soon be developed.

Pack charts may be divided into three main classes:—

1. *Progress Charts*, showing progress in Enrolment, Golden Bar, Golden Ladder, and Golden Hand tests.
2. *Illustrative Charts*, illustrating the whole or part of a test—flag, semaphore, knots, etc.
3. *General Purposes Charts*, showing attendances, pennies, pack duties, Six lists, inspection, etc.

MARY	✓	✓	✓	✓	JAN. 15th
SUE	✓	✓	✓	✓	MAY 12th
MARION	✓	✓	✓	✓	
JANET	✓	✓	✓	✓	
BETTY	✓	✓	✓	✓	
ETC	✓	✓	✓	✓	

A Golden Bar Progress Chart

One Card for Each Section

One type of progress chart suitable for any of the four tests can be made by hinging together postcards or pieces of card of equal size with adhesive tape. One card is used for each section of the test, with an extra card on the left for the list of Brownies' names, and an extra card on the right on which to mark the completion of the test. At the head of each card is gummed a small picture illustrating a section of the test.

Join the cards together. Draw firm lines, with coloured ink or crayons, right across, leaving a space at the bottom for the addition of extra names. As a Brownie completes each section of the test she can colour in the appropriate bit or stick on a coloured shape. The Headquarters outline Golden Bar and Golden Hand charts (obtainable at 2d., plus postage) are most suitable for using in this way, and can be cut out and coloured by the Brownies.

K. KNOTT

The Story Included Test Work

ONE evening recently Brown Owl was unable to attend pack meeting as her husband was away and she had to stay at home because of the baby. Tawny Owl opened the meeting in the usual way with the Fairy Ring, collected the subscriptions, marked the register and carried out an inspection of the pack. A game followed, during which pack leader quietly left the building.

Then Tawny Owl read aloud a message she had received.

To the Brownies. Hansel and Gretel are being kept prisoners at the Witch's House. Perhaps she will let them go free if you offer to do some work for her. Hansel and Gretel left a trail of peas when they went through the wood.

The pack was immediately hot-foot on the trail, which had just been laid by pack leader. Soon the Brownies arrived, breathless, at Brown Owl's back door. The Witch (Brown Owl) met them and demanded an explanation of their presence. When they explained themselves they were shown the prisoners (a boy and girl doll behind the fireguard, pushed against one wall of the yard) and set to various tasks, which would ultimately result in Hansel and Gretel being set free.

Some were given buttons to sew on, some socks to darn, one was set to clean shoes, one to light a fire in the kitchen, and one to make a pot of tea. Others were told that they must catch the animals (toy dogs, bears, etc.) which were

wandering all around the garden and tie them to the trees. This proved to be most exciting as they were fairly well hidden, some in the long grass and some even on the lower branches of trees. (Brown Owl had taken the precaution of counting them before they were taken outside.) Two Brownies were sent inside to lay tables. On each table were the cloth, napkins, glasses and cutlery needed, and one of the following two menus: For Hansel and Gretel: Chicken soup and dumplings, mutton chops, potatoes, peas, mint sauce; apple pie, custard. For the witch and an ogre: Eel soup; roast dragon; vegetable salad; pears in ginger syrup.

The Brownies appreciated the fact that, as Hansel and Gretel were being fattened for killing, they would have the best food, and that a witch's idea of a feast would be different from their own.

When the work was done to the Witch's satisfaction, the pack assembled on the lawn and Hansel and Gretel were pronounced free. Two Brownies were allowed to release them.

Then the pack played a game. Three Brownies were changed by the Witch into her Boggarts. They had to catch the others and bring them to the Witch. She then said what spell would free them and the rest of the pack dashed off to perform it. The spells were such things as 'place a buttercup behind the witch's left ear'.

O. PETERS

Training for First-Class

'Understand the Rules of Health'

Have an easy upright carriage and be able to walk and run well. Understand the rules of health and how they apply to herself

GOOD looks depend on good carriage. It does not matter how beautiful the face or clothes, they are always spoilt by a slouching walk or round shoulders. Our grandmothers knew this, and children spent long hours lying on boards and strapped into shoulder harness. All this was painful, tiring and unnecessary, but photographs show them, as adults, sitting and standing easily and with a poise that is very lacking today.

It has become rather fashionable to droop about the house and to prop up walls and furniture when standing, but if only young people could see how unattractive they look, in motion or when keeping still, they would be horrified.

Secrets of Walking Well

There is a happy medium between the drooping figure and the rigid, stiff, martial gait and the first secret of walking and standing well is to hold the head up. If the top of the head is held high, one gets a feeling of tallness and the rest of the body falls into its proper place. Shoulders should be held down rather than back, and always with ease. Tummy muscles should be pulled in and the seat pressed down. It is difficult to get these points right all at once, but it comes easily with perseverance, and the secret is the good poise of the head.

When walking, always swing from the hips and not from the knees. The hip swing gives a long gliding motion which is very graceful, while movement from the knees, with little extension in the hip, always becomes a totter or waddle, and a hundred faults are shown at once.

High heels are the fault of much bad walking. Just watch a group of women walking in the street—some fall from foot to foot, swaying and tottering, and shoulders and hips have to sway and wag to help with balance, while others walk easily with a graceful swing. If you let your eye move down to the feet, the good movers are always in moderate or low heels. Just one word of warning—the long, manly, over exaggerated swinging stride in a woman is as unattractive as the mincing toddle.

Points for standing—head high, shoulders down and relaxed, tummy muscles contracted, seat down. For walking, move from the hips easily, but do not stride, and swing the arms naturally from the shoulders. Many of the rules of health are bound up with good walking and standing.

Getting enough sleep, and eating sensibly and regularly seem to be the chief problems for young people today. Encourage an early night after a late one, with a reasonable hour for the general rule. The question of meals is a problem, but some breakfast to start off a working day is essential. If lunch consists of a coffee and sandwich, as it does in many cases, then a good meal at night should be encouraged.

One good meal a day is of vital importance. If a girl is figure conscious and doesn't want to put on weight, starving is of no use at all and only leads to tiredness, and perhaps a serious illness. A satisfying meal does not mean a heavy meal, and food can be chosen with care which will not mean putting on weight.

The Open Air is a Tonic

If possible, get into the open air every day for a short time, and walk. Coming from, or going to, work or in the lunch break are excellent times. This is the time when walking can be practised. At the week-ends, play a game or go cycling or take some hard exercise, as a few hours in the open air is a wonderful tonic. Sometimes it seems an awful effort

after a tiring week, but it is worth the first mental push and it is also amazing how much less tired one seems after one is off and away.

Girls seem much more particular nowadays over the care of themselves, but no one can be too particular. Hair should be washed frequently to smell fresh and look well groomed. Skin should be washed at night with soap and water and in the morning before make-up is applied. Make-up adds very much to the charm of a young girl when she has left school, but it must be used discreetly and applied with skill.

Hands and teeth can make or mar first impressions. Hands should be spotlessly clean, nails carefully filed and should not be too glaring in colour. Teeth make all the difference to a smile, so keep them clean and brush them, if possible after meals, and the last thing at night.

Cleanliness of body and clothes cannot be too strongly stressed. Personal freshness is an essential, especially when working with other people. Good soap is cheap and there are many deodorants and talcum powders on the market which are a help and should be used if necessary.

Courtesy and Grace

As well as being clean, clothes should be suitable. Warm enough in winter and cool in the summer. Working clothes can be very attractive and gay but materials chosen should be suitable for the office or place of work.

To put it all in a sentence, take some exercise every day; eat one satisfying meal every day and have some breakfast; not too many late nights and catch up on sleep if tired; always be fresh in self and clothing and choose wardrobe with care; walk gracefully and stand with ease and poise and, most important of all, be gracious and courteous so that the impression is given of quiet steadfastness in this world of rush and trouble.

A. D. HOWIE

'The Guider' Photographic Competition

THERE IS STILL time to give this 'dog' a bone if you send in your entries for THE GUIDER Photographic competition before September 30.

What we need to fill the cupboard are sharp, clear photographs of any of the many outdoor (or indoor) activities in Guiding. Here are details of the three classes:—1. Photographs of Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Cadets or Guiders against pictorial backgrounds of beauty or interest suitable for cover or full-page reproduction; 2. Photographs of outdoor activities—camping, hiking, trekking, stalking and campfires; 3. Photographs of indoor activities—patrol time, Court of Honour, ceremonies, games or badge work. For class 1 prizes of five, three and two guineas will be awarded. In classes 2 and 3 prizes of two, one, and half a guinea will be offered.

Any other photographs accepted for publication will be paid for by mutual agreement. Please tell your non-Guide friends of this competition as it is not confined to members of the movement.



The Ranger Advisers' Representative Conference

Here are some more subjects to be discussed in areas and counties before the Ranger Advisers' Representative Conference at I.H.Q. on February 4-6, 1955. The first set of questions were published in July.

General

1. In the pre-war and wartime Ranger training programme a girl was expected to do a definite job of service for others as part of her pre-enrolment test. Would there be any value in again including some such clause in the programme? Does the Ranger of today need any such help towards a practical expression of the spirit of service which should be the basis of the Ranger training?

Note: The Rovers include a definite job of service in their programme, not as a pre-enrolment test but as part of their basic training. Is this, perhaps, of more value? What are your ideas?

2. Is our co-operation with the Rovers and Senior Scouts running along sound lines? Can we see any worthwhile results and make suggestions for the future?

3. It has been suggested that the following sentence be deleted from the notes on the Ranger Service Star, Part I, clause 2. 'If two Rangers are being tested, then the expedition should cover not less than 36 hours and preferably 48 hours, and each should be responsible for half the time.' It has been found that very few working girls have this amount of free time available, and so some Rangers have been prevented from taking the test. What is your view?

Air Section

1. Do you consider that there is any value in a Ranger just going for a 'flip'?

2. As there are some Rangers who are unable to have training in a link trainer or visit a control tower, do you think there should be a fourth alternative to clause 10 of the L.A.R. which does not entail spending money? If so, can you make some suggestions?

3. Would you prefer the whole of clause 10 to be deleted, or should the whole test be revised with alternative clauses according to whether practical experience is obtained at an R.A.F. aerodrome or a Civil Flying Club?

4. Do you agree with the proposal that the L.A.R. should be divided into two main sections? If so, would you agree that a badge showing a 2-bladed propeller should be awarded for the first half and the 3-bladed propeller, as at present, be given when the whole test is completed?

Sea Section

1. It has been suggested that Crew name tapes should be worn on battle blouses as well as shirts and jerseys. What is your opinion of this?

2. The O.S.R., A.B., and L.S.R. tests have now been in force for some time; are you satisfied with them or have you any suggested amendments to make?

3. What is your opinion of the ruling that allows non-swimmers in crews to be enrolled with a gilt badge on a blue background?

4. Are there any alterations to the Boating tests that you would like considered? Do you think that the present Power Boat Test serves a useful purpose?

Land Section

1. Is it the general wish of the Land Section that the Land Ranger Adventurer test should still remain an optional part of the Section's training programme as explained in the introduction to the L.R.A. pamphlet just issued?

2. It is frequently suggested that the Land Section should have their own 'flag-raising ceremony.' What is the general opinion of the Section and, if you agree, can you suggest a suitable ceremony? (A ceremony evolved by a North Country county will be in the October issue of THE RANGER.)

3. Since 1949 Land Ranger Adventure Camps have been run every year by countries and counties. After five years can we assess the value of such camps to the Section and should we continue them in the future?

The Extension Adviser, I.H.Q., Lady Alethea Eliot, writes:

'I hope that at the area Conferences the C.R.A.s will discuss any special problems concerning their Extension Ranger companies in the counties with the Guiders concerned. Time is being given at the I.H.Q. Conference for queries arising at these discussions.'

'We would particularly like to have ideas and suggestions on the practical carrying out of the general Ranger programme, especially in M.D. Ranger companies, and the Land Ranger Adventurer Test particularly in Post Ranger Companies.'

'Last year three Rangers in an M.D. company completed the Ranger Service Star, using the alternative tests for some clauses, and two Post Ranger companies are known to be embarking on the Land Ranger Adventurer Test.'

Note for District Commissioners: 'I would like to stress the immense value to the Extension Rangers—and to the whole branch of their Guiders attending the Area Conferences. I am sure the Heads of institutions where the Guider is on the staff would consider leave favourably if they were asked.'

To C.R.A.s in Your Counties

Do Guides pass on to your Extension Ranger companies at the correct age? If not, why not? Extensions, whatever their handicap, are within the Guide Movement, treated according to their actual age, in line with all the rest, though they may, of course, stay as Rangers until thirty years before becoming Trefoil Guild members.

Do your Extension Rangers join as far as possible in District, Division, and County Ranger events?

For the benefit of everybody, news would be welcome, so that it can be shared, and give further ideas to Guiders, as to how to give Extension Rangers more experience of service and adventure in the wider world.

Air Ranger Clubroom Activities

IT HAS BEEN suggested that the series of short articles which have appeared in THE RANGER should be duplicated and made available in booklet form. Before putting this job in hand we should like to have some idea of the number of copies needed. Will all Air Ranger Flight Captains please send a postcard to the Ranger Secretary, I.H.Q., before the end of September, saying how many copies they would be likely to purchase? If there is sufficient demand, the work will be put in hand and a notice will appear in THE GUIDER, giving the price (which we hope will be under 1s.) and the date when the booklet will be on sale.

A Scottish Good Turn

GUIDES AND BROWNIES in Kirkcudbright have all been working hard in various ways to save money so that they could invite two Latvian girls of seventeen and fifteen, who live in a camp in Entin/Holstein, Germany, over to Scotland for a holiday. One Brownie, without even telling her Brown Owl beforehand, held a garden fête entirely on her own and raised £1 for her contribution to the fund. Until enough money had been raised parcels were sent to the family once a month, but at last sufficient money for the fares was found, and on July 12 the two girls arrived at Leith docks, where they were met by the County Commissioner and a Guide and Brownie from Kirkcudbright.

The Snark was a Boojum or— The Bulge was a ? ?

A PRONOUNCEMENT on Policy (though it may not look like one) written for and on behalf of the Brownie Adviser, I.H.Q., the Brownie Committee and all Brown Owls, Past, Present and Future.

'Just the place for a Bulge, Commissioner cried
As she landed her crew with care,
Supporting each one on the top of the tide
With a finger entwined in her hair.'

We are full of hope, for this Commissioner (at least) is Bulge-conscious. She knows that there is a Bulge, she knows what it is and she is preparing to meet it. Like the Bellman, she is aware of danger, but also like him, she is not quite sure how best to face it.

This article is written to help us all in a concerted plan of action. If we understand what lies ahead for us and know what to do when the Bulge is on us, there will be no risk at all that the Bulge, like the snark, shall turn out to be a boojum. For those of you who have not read *The Hunting of the Snark*, by Lewis Carroll, and will therefore, very probably, give up reading this article unless a prompt explanation is offered, grave danger attends the pursuit of this animal because, should it turn out to be a boojum, the encounter would be followed by the most unfortunate results. The hunter would 'silently vanish away'.

The Bulge, about to burst upon us, can afford an opportunity for progress. It could, on the other hand, tempt us to a course of action which would have such unhappy results that much of the value of the contribution which Brownie training can make to the education of the child would 'silently vanish away'. And nobody wants that to happen.

This Bulge is the abnormal increase in the number of little girls now approaching Brownie age due to the high birth-rate immediately after the war. This wealth of material is one of the good legacies of that war. It is probable that larger numbers of would-be Brownies will come forward within the next year or two than ever before and every Commissioner and Brownie Guider will want to help them.

This is where the boojum lurks. If we allow our packs

to become too big we cease to make the contribution which we have it in our power to make to the future education of these children. The Brownie Adviser and the Brownie Committee are anxious above all things that we should, during the coming period, abide loyally by the instruction given us about the size of packs: not, as some people seem to think, because they are hard-hearted and out of touch with conditions today, but because they run packs themselves and are in touch with hundreds of others all over the country and because it has been proved to them, over and over again, that the value of our contribution lies in *training the*



We must all prepare for the incursion of the Bulge

individual, not in giving a jolly evening once a week to a group of little girls.

Education authorities, teachers and parents everywhere are deploring the existence of the too-large class. Anyone working with children knows of some of average ability who are not getting the help they need in their schooling because the teacher has no time to give it them. The contribution we can make towards helping these children *as individuals* may be decisive for them in the future.

If that were all, future policy might look more like a retreat than an advance, but this is definitely not the case. We must all prepare for the incursion of the Bulge and here are some of the ways in which we can do it:

COMMISSIONERS (and all of us): By recruiting new Brownie Guiders and by *helping them to get training*. When recruiting, remember the Founder's advice 'Softly, softly catchee monkey'. Sometimes an interested grown-up will become a Brown Owl after some months of experience of helping in some other less responsible position.

CADET GUIDERS: By encouraging Cadets to train as Brownie Guiders.

RANGER GUIDERS: By encouraging Rangers, who are old enough, to become Tawnies and the younger ones to train as Brownie Guiders in Cadets.

GUIDE GUIDERS: By co-operating so closely with the pack that Brownies need no persuading to move on to Guides: by finding the right Guide to help Brown Owl as pack leader: by encouraging older Guides to go on to Cadets.

BROWNIE GUIDERS: By keeping packs small: by having a waiting list and, if necessary, by closing that, too. It is most unfair to enter a child's name on a list so long that there is very little chance of her getting to the top before she is too old to be a Brownie. (Brownie Guiders, of course,

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'Softly, softly catchee monkey'

MANY Guides enjoy drawing if one is not too critical of the result. Why not introduce more drawing games into the company meetings? They can be great fun, give a new twist to the old favourites, and develop observation.

Fashion Parade

Call out as follows: 'Number two—the features—one two three four five six seven eight nine ten.' Number two, on learning what she is to draw, rushes up to the figure in front of her and puts in the features before you have counted ten. Continue in this way until the figure is complete. Suggestions for commands are: features, dress, hat, hair style, gloves.

Guides line in patrols. In front of each patrol place a sheet of paper on which is drawn the skeleton shape of a bird, and drawing materials. Stand well in front of the patrols and hold up a postcard of a bird. Call up the first Guide. Name part of bird, e.g., the beak. Give the Guides a short time to memorise this. At the command 'Go' they run to their own drawing and add the beak, then run to the back of their own line. Call up number two and repeat with a different part of the bird. Continue until drawing is finished. Then place the drawings upright with the postcard in the centre and give a mark to the drawing most like the bird it is intended to represent. Parts of the bird can be called out as follows: beak, shape of head, eye, shape of body, tail, legs and claws.

The Guides write their names on a sheet of paper and put them in a hat. They are mixed up and each Guide is then called up and receives a name and a number. They provide themselves with paper and drawing material and now proceed to draw on the paper a portrait or full length figure (this should be decided upon beforehand) of the Guide whose name is on the paper. Care should be taken not to stare openly at the Guide they are drawing. Their number should be put on the front of the paper, and the name of their Guide on the back. The drawings are collected by Captain and arranged round the room. The Guides take pencil and paper and see how many portraits they can name. After so long the portraits are collected and the names read out. A mark can be given both to the Guide who guesses most names, and to the Guide whose portrait has been recognised by the greatest number.

This is an excellent game for making clear that anyone can appreciate the points of a good picture without necessarily being able to draw. It is played in patrol corners, and the artist of the patrol is chosen (surely every patrol possesses one Guide who can draw) and provided with paper and drawing materials.

and she is anxious to know which picture is going to be 'Hung on the line'. The aim is to see which patrol produces the best picture.

Guides number in patrols. Number 1 runs up to Captain who gives her the name of an object, e.g., a cottage. The Guide runs back and the patrol decides where the cottage is to be placed in the picture. The artist draws the cottage and number 2 runs up and receives the next object, e.g., a tree. The patrol then decides upon the best place for the tree. The game continues until the pictures are finished. They are then placed in a row and a vote taken for the best picture as regards both arrangement and drawing.

A certain amount of skill is needed on the part of the Captain as to the objects chosen and the order in which given. Suggestions: cottage, tree, stream, hillside, path, bridge, or boy, roadway, two women, car, dog, shop front.

Guides provide themselves with a few small pieces of paper and a pencil. They scatter in front of Captain who calls out an order, e.g., hands behind your back—an elephant. The Guides then attempt to draw the elephant in this position. The drawings are then quickly put in a row and the best chosen. This is repeated in various difficult positions, changing the object each time. For example: Guides form a ring, rest the paper on the back of the one in front and march round. Or they can stand on one leg and rest the paper on the sole of the other foot.

This is a variation of 'Whispers'. The Guides provide themselves with drawing materials and line up in two teams with a good distance between each team and as much as possible between each Guide. The first girl in team A runs to Captain who gives her an object, e.g., a man fishing. The Guide runs back to her place and makes a quick sketch of object which she runs and shows to the first Guide in team B who looks at it, writes down what she thinks it is and runs to second girl in team A. This Guide draws object and runs to second girl in team B who writes down what she thinks is object and runs with it to third girl in team A. Continue in this way, the last girl calling out the name of the object as it has come to her. The drawings can be placed in front of the Guides so that they can see where they have wandered from the original object.

This is a simple game which always causes much amusement. The Guides have pencil and paper and are told to place their pencil on the paper ready for drawing. They are then told to shut their eyes and an object given them which they must draw with their eyes shut. As soon as they open their eyes they must stop drawing. Objects should have plenty of action, e.g., Captain running for a bus, or have a definite shape such as a pig or an elephant.

D. RILEY

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now all know that no child may be admitted into a pack before she is 7½.)

Within the space of this one short article we have both 'met' and 'faced' the Bulge. What we need to do is to absorb it. If we can offer Brownie training (not just play-time) to all the small girls who ask for it within the next year or two, we shall be doing a Good Turn, as a movement, worthy of the high standard of service to the community which we set ourselves in Coronation year.

ELIZABETH HARTLEY

Notes of the Month

The Ranger Festival, 1955

All Cadets are invited to take part in this Festival, to be held from April 29 to May 1, 1955. The Handcraft competition is open to all Rangers and Cadets and the schedule was published in the July issue of *THE RANGER*, and extra copies may be obtained, price 2d., from the Secretary to the



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Brownies who have been helping with Gloucester Division 'Mile of Pennies' (which raised £98 for Gloucester Cathedral Restoration Fund), chat to the Chancellor of the Exchequer who came to lay his pennies

Ranger Branch, I.H.Q., enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

The exhibition will be held at the Central Hall, Westminster on Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30, to show the best work done by Rangers and Cadets in the Festival Competition. It is also intended to exhibit handcrafts made by Guiders, Rangers and Cadets which are not eligible for the competition. Offers of these (which need not be new) on loan for exhibition purposes only will be gratefully received by the Ranger Branch Secretary.

It is hoped that countries and counties will arrange local exhibitions which should be a real help in showing the general public and the rest of the movement the activities of the Ranger branch.

In addition to the Exhibition the Festival programme will include a ball and square dance party on Saturday, April 30, and will conclude with services and a parade on May 1. Details of all events have been sent to Cadet and Ranger units in a printed circular. Please read *THE RANGER* each month as all information will be published regularly there.

Make your Own Designs

This is the subject for the Handcraft Training at Imperial Headquarters, on November 6 and 7. It will be helpful for Guiders of all age groups and will deal with the building up of design from the simplest beginnings as well as with practical work and discussion suitable for Guides or Rangers. The practical work will be the application of design to embroidery, but the basic training will apply also to other crafts. Mrs. Johnston, holder of the Diploma for embroidery from the Royal School of Needlework and one time editor of the *Needlewoman and Needlecraft*, has kindly agreed to give the training, and Guiders are strongly recommended to take advantage of this opportunity. For particulars see 'Where to Train', page 205.

Can You Help?

At the end of this year Mr. Craze, who has served the Association for thirty-two years as gardener at Foxlease, is retiring and he and his wife are looking for somewhere to live in the country, preferably in the South of England. Mr. Craze is seventy-three, but can still do a good day's work in the garden and is anxious to do this for two or three days each week, and his wife, twenty-five years younger and a first-class cook, would also like to do part-time cooking. A caretaker's job, which included some cooking and gardening, would be suitable, and if any Commissioner or Guider hears of a suitable post will she kindly write as soon as possible to the Guider-in-Charge, Foxlease. If the right post came along Mr. and Mrs. Craze would like to get settled this autumn.

The Empire Circle

Lady Monroe, Chairman of the Empire Circle, writes: 'There are now a few vacancies for "home" members of the Empire Circle and applications for membership will be dealt with by the Hon. Secretary, Miss Wright, c/o The Overseas Department, The Girl Guides Association, 17 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1. The annual subscription, payable in January, is 5s., or 2s. 6d. if you live more than fifty miles from London. Here is an opportunity to meet Guide friends from all over the world at the monthly meetings held at I.H.Q. or the Guide Club. There are excellent talks by Commonwealth Guiders and special parties at Christmas, on Thinking Day and St. George's Day when overseas Scouts join us. Why not join now and bring your special contribution to widening friendship in the Guide family which is our ultimate object.'

The Annual Report

If you want to convince a friend or a stranger (who isn't a Guider) of the many-sidedness of the movement and the need for more helpers, here is one weapon for the attack. If you are giving a talk on Guiding and haven't time to do much research you will find many points to pick out and build on here. And if your Guides want pictures for log books or games they are here, too. The price—only 1s. 6d., with postage extra if you want a *Report* posted to you.



This summer the Girl Guides Association was again honoured by invitations to the Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace. They were given to overseas Commissioners and to Guiders representing England, Scotland, Wales and I.H.Q. (L. to R.) Mrs. Burgess, Miss Paterson, Miss Lawrence, Miss Hasluck and Miss Nicoll, M.B.E.

Within the Commonwealth

OUR congratulations and good wishes go to Carmen Peterkin, of British Guiana, who was married on July 17 to a British Guiana student who had also been working in Britain for the past year. They are returning to their own country both well qualified in the subjects they have trained for, and we wish them God-speed!

THANK YOU, BROWNIES: A Brownie Pack in Nova Scotia earned thirty-one dollars to send to the Brownies in South Africa because they heard they had not even enough money to buy their own pins. These Canadian Brownies did jobs for housewives and took with them a letter explaining why they were asking for a 'slight remuneration of 5 cents or more'!

A REAL ACHIEVEMENT: In Papua women in the villages do not handle money so if they need any they usually have to earn it by selling shells or making mats or fans. So it was a tremendous achievement for Papua to contribute their share to the World Association Thinking Day Fund this year. Some Ranger and Guide Companies have little contact with others, and their uniform is still a grass skirt and coloured scarf.

SAUSAGES: Hike where you will, in all parts of the Commonwealth, the sausage features first in many menus! Have you ever tried this tempting recipe, popular in Canada, for a hike. Put small cocktail sausages lengthwise on a twig and a wedge of apple or banana between each one. Smear with margarine and keep turning it over the hot ashes until well cooked. Be sure to have a sausage at the end of the twig.

HIKE COOKING IN FIJI: Guides of so many races join together in Fiji for most Guide activities. Though each race tends to include their own national food in hike dishes, they

all enjoy trying each other's. European Guides rely mainly on sausages and stew! The Indian Guides prefer their curry and rice, so easy to carry and to cook. Curry is also a great favourite with the European Guides when taking their Cook's badge—particularly in camp—as a generous handful of curry powder will effectively disguise any taint of burning! Fijian Guides make great use of coconut to add zest to their cooking, and a favourite dish is fish wrapped in dalo leaves soaked in coconut water (milk).

CAMPFIRE IN FIJI: 'Our campfires at night seem far more picturesque and exciting than in other countries,' writes Wendy Cockell. 'Coconut palm leaves give a tremendous blaze, and combined with the "exploding" of dry bamboo usually creates a landmark which can be seen for miles. At campfire the Fijians sing with lovely harmony, or dance, and of recent years they thoroughly enjoy putting on humorous skits. When taking their tests in Fiji it is interesting to see how native skill excels in some things. The Indians and Fijians are expert at getting the billy to boil as they do this daily in their own homes and they are usually triumphantly extinguishing their fires with the water they have already boiled while the Europeans are still puffing and blowing at a last faint, flickering flame, their matches all spent!'

ADAPTATIONS OF GUIDE AND BROWNIE TESTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES: It was very interesting at the Chief Commissioners' Conference at Foxlease, when thirty countries were represented, to hear how our tests are adapted in other parts of the Commonwealth to suit local conditions, customs and superstitions. I hope to give some of these from time to time on this page as they give us a clearer insight into the lives of Guides in the Commonwealth. Most interesting of all perhaps was the even fuller realisation that in every country the same problems exist, the same shortage of Guiders, the same need for funds. It was an inspiration to meet those enthusiastic leaders, cheerfully, magnificently overcoming these problems, and to realise more deeply and confidently than ever that our great game of Guiding is the same for every race; that deep down the appeal is the same—a sense of adventure, a desire to serve and help others, an urge to achieve the best possible, and a spontaneous, eager response to the challenge of Guiding.

M. VERA ARMSTRONG

A REMINDER. *The Conference for County, Commonwealth and International Representatives will be held at Swanwick, October 15 to 18, 1954. We hope that every county will try to be represented; it will give C.C.I.R.s a wonderful opportunity to hear more about Commonwealth and International Guiding, and furnish them with practical ideas and up-to-date information.*

The Second Rucksack Book

'Having read *The Rucksack Book* last year, I know that our luck is in by having *The Second Rucksack Book* now in our hands,' writes the Chief Guide, in a foreword, and Guiders who want suggestions for company libraries or prizes for special events will do well to remember it.

Edited by Margaret Playle, and published by Blandford Press, on September 10, at 7s. 6d., the book includes stories by John Pudney, Angus MacVicar, Viola Bailey and Elizabeth Grey.

Incidentally, if you are looking for the 'bones' of some good observation games for your company you will find them in 'Eyes, Ears and Noses', by Elizabeth Hartley. 'Costumes Without Cutting', by Mary Jackson, will be useful when the company plans its next play. The 'Rucksack' also contains plenty of ideas for outdoor activities.



During the 'Queen's Tour' pageant at Harrington Hall, Lindsey, a 'Fijian' Brownie presented a Whale's Tooth (signifying respect and homage) to the Chief Guide

From the Trainers' Notebooks

Testing Health Rules

Prepare a set of about twelve questions on knowledge of the health rules (e.g. How often should teeth be cleaned; name a food which gives you energy; what do you do with your shoes when you come in on a wet day?).

These questions could be made up by Guides who are working for the health clause of First Class. In any case the Guider should go through the questions beforehand with those P.L.s or First Class Guides who are going to act as questioners to make sure that they understand them well enough to recognise correct and wrong answers.

Four to six questioners are needed and they stand at the sides of the room. Each questioner has two or three of the questions to ask.

In the middle of the room are skipping ropes. Each Guide has the numbers 1 to 12 written in her notebook. On the word "Go" the Guides race for the skipping ropes and those who succeed in getting one start to skip.

As soon as a Guide has skipped 20 without a break she drops her rope and runs to a questioner who asks her a question. If she can answer it the questioner initials the number in the Guide's notebook. Whether she can answer, or not, the Guide must return to the centre of the room and skip another 20 before she may answer another question.

Any Guide who breaks down in her skipping before she reaches 20 must surrender her rope if another Guide is waiting a turn to skip.

With a company of about 20 Guides and four questioners it will take 15 to 20 minutes for those of the Guides who know the answers to complete all twelve. (If you want to score in patrols all that is necessary is to add up the total number of right answers gained by the patrol and divide by the number of Guides in the patrol.)

This activity could be followed up and the test completed by turning the questions into challenges: e.g. Do you clean your teeth at bedtime and eat nothing afterwards? Guides are not asked to declare the answer publicly but where they are unable to answer "Yes" they enter the challenge on a card and try for the next fortnight to carry it out. S.B.

Nature Games

September and October are the months in which to replenish your stock of tree and bush fruits. Packed in an airtight tin or box, all except blackberries, snowberries and elderberries will keep for at least twelve months, and they have endless uses. Here are some:

1. *Harvest Thanksgiving.* Guides look at a display of numbered fruits, name as many as possible, and say which animals feed on them.

2. *Indoor Nature Walk.* Fruits are placed round the room, each with a number on brown, sticky paper beside it. Use two or three rare ones, and put one or two in difficult places, to make it exciting for the more knowledgeable Guides as well as recruits. One point for each fruit spotted, and another for naming it correctly in a given time.

3. *Occupation for the "Odd man out" during patrol time.* Match fruits to their leaves, or to a set of twigs collected in spring.

4. Use acorns, beech-nuts, etc., for marking compass points, making star maps, or even laying out camp sites then turn them into Kim's Games between the Patrols. T.M.J.



Keeping a Watchful Eye

One Hand Challenge

Have your Guides ever tried making toast with one hand? It can be done as a race, with Guides working together in pairs and one hand tucked into the belt. It needs co-operation and a careful decision whether two right hands, or one left and one right hand, are most useful. D.B.

Observation Games for Brownies

The Brownies each have a coloured spill which they hide in the room, taking care that a little of it can be seen. When they have hidden their own, they return to Brown Owl and hide their eyes until everyone is ready. Next, they find as many spills as they can, but leave their own. After a time they are called back and they score one for each spill found; then, they look to see if their own spill is still hidden. If it is, they stand near it and Brown Owl and the pack try to find it. If the pack agrees that it was hidden fairly the Brownie scores two. Final scoring may be in sixes or individually. The Brownies soon appreciate the use of protective colouring.

Next time, hide the spills as before. Then the Brownies take partners and explain to their partners exactly where their spills are hidden. At a signal from Brown Owl, the Brownies run to collect their partner's spill. The first couple back score two points, and all couples who retrieve both spills one point.

Nature Treasures

When darkness makes it difficult for the Brownies to go out to find a Nature treasure, each six can be given one, in a bag. This they open in their six corner, so that the other sixes cannot see it. Then they think out six remarks, one for each member of the six, describing their treasure. At pow-wow the description can be given and the treasures guessed and looked at.

When Pack meetings are held in the light, observation out of doors should be possible, even in the most built up area. Each six can have a colour and, on a short walk, see how many things of their colour they can find, or they can have a selection of coloured cards to match as nearly as possible. Brownies' mothers will often co-operate and hide unlikely things in their front gardens and each six in turn can list them from the pavement.

All these will help to make the town Brownie more observant and so more ready to appreciate the country on her brief visits there. E.P.



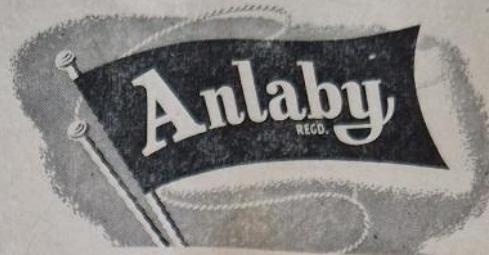
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The Guiders' Postbag

Exchanging 'The Scouter' and 'The Guider'

Quite by chance, a Guider friend loaned me a copy of the July issue of THE GUIDER in exchange for a loan of THE SCOUTER, so that I read Baloo's letter headed 'What's Sauce for the Gander' . . . on the last page. I have no intention of considering comparable dishes for birds but I feel I should write and say how much I have enjoyed reading THE GUIDER after a lapse of a number of years. Perhaps the paper, particularly the cover, is a little unexciting but I imagine costs of publication prohibits, say, some colour in the cover. None the less, the subject matter of the pages are full of interest for me and I suggest Guiders each find a Scouter with whom the periodicals can be exchanged. I hope to continue my monthly swap and will encourage others to act similarly. We, in Guiding and Scouting, cannot fail to gain by this exchange of news, views and ideas. The publications are different, praise be!

MARION TREADAWAY

(Akela Leader)

What use is Morse?

At the risk of being accused of putting a match to the rick of Guiding, I am wondering of what real or useful value the memorising of Morse is to the Guides? I have known Morse for the last thirty years, but never, never has it been of the slightest use to me or the general community. I struggle to pass it on to Guides who mostly learn under the compulsion to pass Second Class. In an incredible short space of time the knowledge has faded and Morse games are a strain, a burden or unplayable. Blindly I have accepted this as a part of Guiding because we have all been told dozens of times that some day we may be of great use to the country, the Services or somebody because we can read and send messages in Morse. Imagine the mental upheaval when my son, who is in his Company Signal Section, came home and cheerfully announced: 'Oh, the Army don't do Morse these days. We carry Walkie-Talkies or radio telephones'. So now, it seems, when Guides go out and flag urgent messages to the troops, the latter will be unable (unless someone has been a Scout!) to benefit by our devotion to old ideas and standards. It is easy to offer destructive criticism so may I suggest that map-reading, message carrying and clear directions to strangers could take the place of signalling?

OLD HAND

The Tale of Bridget and Betty

'Have we organized the fun out of camping?' 'Is the C.A. a bogey?' 'Why do we only get about 40 per cent of our Guides into camp?' 'Do we spend hours cooking which might be spent exploring?' All these questions, and others, were raised in an article by Miss Hartley published in the June GUIDER. All correspondents are thanked for their letters, further extracts from which are published this month.—ED.

Training camps, helpful as they are, and District Commissioners' recommendations do not prove at all that a Guider will be capable of successfully running a camp until she actually tries. As one who has just returned from her Licence camp I was very glad to know that there were more experienced people on the site if help were needed, and I think that one year of camping under such conditions is reasonable if standards are to be maintained. At the same time I do agree with Miss Woodley in the August issue that we need to remember that we are all working voluntarily, both in camping and in all other Guide activities. 'Every company must enter for this competition' is an example of what I mean.

ESSEX GUIDER

I am a young captain and C.A.s seem to have a fixed idea that anyone young is automatically irresponsible. The plain fact is that unless the Girl Guides Association realises that its young Guiders should be treated more as responsible beings they will lose a great source of leadership. It is my opinion that there is far too much 'red tape' about Guide camping and Guiders are far too busy to attend the numerous training camps which are part of taking the Camper's Licence. A Scoutmaster may take his Scouts to camp without any qualifications whatsoever with the result that a Scout troop attends camp far more often than a Guide company. Even when a Guider has obtained her licence, unless she camps on a recognised site, her chosen site must be inspected and approved by the Local C.A. Surely

once she has passed all those tests she can be trusted to choose a proper site. . . . To sum up, here are my suggestions:

1. Dispense with all restrictions for Rangers camping with a warranted Ranger Guider and for Guiders taking their companies to Youth Hostels if the Guider has experience of Youth Hostelling.
2. Relax the Licence Test to a great extent. Don't make it so difficult for Guiders to take their Guides to camp.
3. Allow P.L.s with experience of hostelling to take their patrols.

V. J. TEBBUT

(1st Wollaton [St. Leonard's] Company, Nottingham)

[No Scouter may take his boys to camp without the written authority of his District Commissioner.—ED.]

Adoption Committee for Aid to Displaced Persons

In the December, 1953, GUIDER you mentioned that since the Guide International Service had to give up the Adoption Scheme, several other committees had taken it up. Our Adoption Committee for Aid to Displaced Persons, developed from my first adoption, through G.I.S., has now been elected to membership of the Standing Conference of British Organisations for Aid to Refugees. Our aim is to co-ordinate all efforts of 'individual help' and so to make the Adoption Scheme a reliable and continuous source of help to the D.P.s. The British Wives in Germany are working in full agreement with us and giving us tremendous help.

A good adoption is a difficult thing to achieve, but when it works well, it really gives great encouragement and comfort to our friends in the camps. But sometimes an adoption fails, contact is not established, not through anyone's fault, but mostly because of the lack of a central link between adopter and D.P. To maintain this link, and help the adopters to keep in touch with their new friends, is our aim. We should be very grateful if any Guide or group who have adopted a family of D.P.s would write to us and give us news of their adoption (with name and address of D.P., please) as we wish to make our records as complete as possible. We shall certainly try to renew lost contacts, and of course we have long lists of families awaiting adoption. We hope, therefore, that many more Guides will participate in our scheme.

F. C. RIGBY (Mrs.),

(Hon. Secretary, Adoption Committee for Aid to Displaced Persons)

The 5th Law—a Trainer's Point of View

I once had the good fortune to attend a training taken by Miss Tirzah Barnes. I hope she will forgive me for quoting a story which she told us of her little niece who, on seeing all the girls stand up when her aunt, the Headmistress, visited a class room, whispered: 'Don't they know it is only you?' I am sure the Trainers would not wish Guiders to regard them as 'people apart' but I think Miss Devitt's point in last month's GUIDER goes deeper than that of 'standing up when the Trainer enters' a room for a session. It is the attitude of mind behind the action which matters. . . . Rank and position are nothing, but our attitude to each other is everything and if we are truly thoughtful and observant we shall also be truly courteous.

CONSTANCE M. GREEN

I.H.Q. Drama Course

YOU MAY WONDER why you have put a circle around Tuesday, October 19, and all the following Tuesdays until December 14. May I remind you we are holding our Autumn Drama Course at I.H.Q. on those evenings at 7 p.m. As we have to finish at 9 p.m. we are hoping to start punctually.

We shall concentrate on the choosing of a one-act play, its properties, and each alternate week we shall produce that particular play. The other weeks lectures will be given on the above subjects, followed by a discussion and practical work with the exception of November 30, when we hope to arrange a discussion panel. So, please bring all your problems and questions on play-producing to this panel.

PHYLLIS BERGER
[Drama Adviser, I.H.Q.]



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Headquarters' Notices

Coming Events

The Empire Circle Autumn Party will be held at Imperial Headquarters on Wednesday, September 22 at 6.30 p.m. when Miss Marjorie Grant, Chief Commissioner for South Africa, will be the speaker.

The Church of England Youth Council has arranged a Retreat for Church of England Guiders at The Retreat House, Catherington, Horndean, Hampshire, from October 1-3. Conductor: The Rev. A. B. de T. Andrews. Fee: 30s. (including booking fee 2s. 6d., not returnable). Beginners are especially welcome. Applications to and further information from Miss A. Thompson, Little Meadow, Burcot, Bromsgrove, Worcs.

A conference for Baptist Guiders will be held at Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hampshire, on December 3-5, 1954. The theme will be 'A Friend to all' and there will be talks and discussions on religious training in companies and packs, woodcraft training and international sessions. Speakers will include the Rev. T. F. Valentine, M.A. (Baptist Missionary Society), and Miss J. Cozens (Guide Trainer), and a missionary. Particulars from the Secretary, Baptist Guide Auxiliary, 93 Gloucester Place, London, W.1.

The Catholic Guide Advisory Council are organising a series of conferences at which training in the Ki Ro methods of teaching religion will be given by the Rev. Patrick Corrigan, National Scout Chaplain. The dates at present are: *September 25-26*, the Ursuline Convent, Brentwood. Catholic Guiders in Brentwood Diocese are asked to apply through their Area Representatives. Catholic Guide Guiders from other dioceses should write to Miss Price, 34 Kennington Gardens, Ilford, Essex. *October 16-17*: Soli House, Stratford-on-Avon. All applications to Miss B. Smith, 25 Homescroft Road, Birmingham. *October 30-31*: Harrogate. All applications to Miss Chapman, 58 York Place, Harrogate. *November 27-28th*, London. Full details will be circulated by Area Representatives and applications should be made to the Hon. Secretary, Miss N. Devlin, 35 Hitherfield Road, Streatham, S.W.16.

Notice Board

Training Days for Jewish Guiders: Two Training Days for Guide and Brownie Guiders will be held at 33 Seymour Place, London, W.1 (near Marble Arch) from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. *Trainers:* Sunday, September 19, Miss Peggy Simmons; Sunday, November 14, Miss Iris Morrison. These trainings are primarily for Jewish Guiders and Cadets and for Guiders of Jewish companies and packs, but other Commissioners and Guiders will be very welcome. Further particulars obtainable from Mrs. Mocatta, 67 Clifton Hill, N.W.8. (Maida Vale 3113.)

Casualties Union Competition: Guiders living in London and the Home Counties may be interested to know that spectators are invited to watch the final of the annual open competition in First Aid and in Diagnosis for the Buxton Trophy organised by Casualties Union on October 3, 1954, at 2 p.m., at Pinewood Film Studios, Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire. Admission tickets, price 2s. 6d., should be obtained in advance from Miss E. E. Johnson, 8 Woodcote Park Avenue, Purley, Surrey.

Mails to Kenya and Malaya: Will Guiders remind Guides who have pen friends in Kenya or Malaya that surface mail may take months, while the 6d. air letter arrives within a few days.

Local Association Conference at Waddow: Will Commissioners tell members of the Local Association that this conference on September 28 to October 1 is open to all who like to apply and day visitors are also welcome.

London and South-East Areas Ranger Conference: An all-day conference for C.R.A.s, County Coxens, Ranger Guiders and other representatives of the Movement will be held at the College of Preceptors, Bloomsbury Square, London, on Saturday, October 16. As there may be some spare places available for this conference Ranger Guiders who would like to attend should apply to their own C.R.A.s without delay.

Harringay Circus: Look out in next month's issue for details of a special ticket concession for Tom Arnold's Harringay Circus.

In Memoriam

Miss Mabel Crichton, who died on June 18, had served the Movement for twenty-one years. From 1933 she had been Brown Owl of the 1st Acton (All Saints) Pack and the 8th

Acton (St. Peter's) and through her sincerity and patience she gave many Brownies an understanding of the first promise.

Miss Cora Francis, who died on June 24, was Captain of the 1st Bramford Guide Company and District Commissioner for Bosmere and Bramford. From 1931-1939 she had been a Brown Owl and Ranger Captain in Antwerp. All Suffolk will miss her leadership and friendship.

Mrs. John Pemberton, whose death occurred recently, was linked with the pioneer days of Guiding. She was appointed the first County Commissioner for County Durham in 1912 and when she retired in 1928 she had seen the numbers rise from eight to 8,625 in all ranks. In 1918 Mrs. Pemberton was chosen to present the Gold Fish to Lady Baden-Powell at the Swanwick Conference and in that year she took charge of Headquarters' Shop and the Equipment Department, then in Victoria Street. In her younger days Mrs. Pemberton was a good shot, fisherwoman, golfer and lawn tennis player. She served as Commandant of a Red Cross Hospital in Sunderland during the First World War and took part in much other public work.

Miss Doris Seed, who died on July 12, started Guiding in Halifax and gave more than forty years' devoted service to the Movement. She had been a Guide and Ranger Captain, and after serving for ten years as Division Commissioner for Halifax North Division she became County Trefoil Guild Recorder for Yorkshire W.R.N.W. Miss Seed was awarded the Medal of Merit in 1949 and in that year she was appointed Trefoil Guild Representative for the N.E. Area. She was also Business Editor of *Notes and News*. Her influence will remain an inspiration to many.

Awards

Good Service

Silver Fish: Miss Eleanor Manning, Acting State Commissioner, New South Wales.

Beaver: Miss E. M. Armstrong, Secretary, Overseas Department, I.H.Q.; Mrs. Mary Brown, Deputy Commissioner, Nigeria; The Countess of Courtown, District Commissioner, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Medal of Merit: Mrs. Donnell, lately County Commissioner for Londonderry City, Ulster; Miss A. G. Holman, Division Badge Secretary for Stepney, London, North East; Miss Janet Stratton, County Commissioner for Monmouthshire; Miss R. Tyacke, Badge Secretary for Beckenham, Kent.

Certificate of Merit for Good Service: Miss Brookes Sturges, lately District Commissioner for Sidcup, Kent.

Gallantry

Letter of Commendation: Brownie Eileen Rutter. Aged 9 years, 1st Cheddleston (St. Edwards) Pack, Stafford.

Fortitude

Badge of Fortitude: Guide Susan Hodgson, aged 15½ years, 4th Selsdon (St. Margaret's) Company, Surrey East.

Susan has had very severe disabilities from birth making even the simplest action a major effort of concentration and will-power to achieve. In spite of a frail constitution she has shown the greatest cheerfulness and perseverance. She has also had operations to both legs and suffered much disappointment, but her fortitude has been outstanding.

Certificate of Merit for Fortitude: Guide Joan Dobby, aged 14 years, 1st River Company, Kent.

Letter of Commendation: Brownie Janet Orchard, aged 9½ years, 77th Bristol (Holy Trinity, Kingswood) Pack, Bristol.

Are There Any 'Holiday Companies'?

AS THE RESULT of a discussion of school Guiding by the Education Panel I have been asked to find out whether, at the present time, any 'Holiday companies' of Guides are in existence. I was myself both a Guide and a Guider in one such company in West Surrey between 1920 and 1930 and we know of another company running at about the same time in Hertfordshire. I should be very glad to hear from anyone with present (or recent) experience of any company meeting only during school holidays and should be interested to have details of how the company is organised and run.

SARAH BRANSON [Guide Adviser, I.H.Q.]



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Most of the collecting centres organised by the National Rose Hips Products Association, founded during the war, are in Scotland and the north of England because hips growing there contain the greatest amount of vitamin C.

The counties where rose hip collections will be made during September and October are listed below. Guiders whose companies and packs can help with this *urgently needed service* are asked to write to Mr. T. M. Taylor, Rose Hip Division, Scott & Turner Ltd., Andrews House, Newcastle on Tyne 1, who will gladly supply further information.

England: Northumberland, North Riding, West Riding, Derby, Westmorland, Durham, Lancashire, Cumberland.

Scotland: Aberdeen, Angus, Ayr, Berwick, Dumfries, Dunbarton, East Lothian, Fife, Kincardine, Kirkcudbright, Lanark, Midlothian, Peebles, Perth, Roxburgh, Selkirk, Stirling, West Lothian, Wigtownshire.

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Guiders of companies and packs in Gloucestershire should write to Miss V. A. Armstrong, Messrs. Carter & Co. Ltd., Royal Forest Factory, Coleford, Gloucestershire.

The hips should only be picked when ripe (i.e. red or orange red). Green hips are not required.

Threepence per pound is paid to the collector and any company or pack is entitled to 1d. per pound overhead on the total weight of hips submitted. If you prefer the whole amount (4d. per pound) can go towards your company or pack funds.

A Real Service to the Country

Although the actual manufacture of rose hip syrup is still carried out by manufacturing chemists in factories and laboratories, the initial work of collecting the hips is carried out by Guides and other youth organisations and the W.V.S., with help from schoolmasters and schoolmistresses who organise collections in rural schools.

The importance of this service cannot be over-emphasised as not only do the hips provide children and invalids with a natural source of vitamin C, which builds up resistance to infection, but it also helps the country's economy by saving the importation of so much citrus fruit.

The Inter-Varsity Scout and Guide Club Rally

THE JOINT Scout and Guide Clubs in many of the universities in the British Isles are mainly concerned to promote fellowship between students interested in Scouting and Guiding, and in July each year all the clubs join for a week's camp. Organised by various clubs in turn they are usually held on a permanent Scout or Guide camp site so that the minimum of camp work is necessary. There is also some form of permanent shelter, in great demand for the folk-dance evenings which have become a feature of these rallies.

The other varied activities include pioneering projects (where the Guides usually take a back seat), dancing, games, campfire, hikes, discussions and a tour round a university and centre of industry.

We, in the universities, would like to extend a warm welcome to any Rangers, Cadets or Guiders going to university in October, and we hope you will make contact with the Secretary of your Scout or Guide Club.

SHIRLEY A. NEEDLER (Manchester University)

(A list of Scout and Guide Clubs in universities is published on page 204.—ED.)



Books and Plays

Books

Youth Work in England, by P. H. K. Kuenstler (University of London Press, 4s.). The sub-title to this booklet 'Extracts from Ministry of Education and other publications relating to Statutory and Voluntary Youth Work in England', while explaining its scope, might prevent *Guiders* from reading it, expecting a less interesting experience than I think they would have. It covers the whole field of work with and for youth—a field in which we have our share. It contains illuminating comments on the mind and ways of youth and on the attributes of good leadership. 1. I think that our trainers should have it on their shelves; 2. It has a useful index for reference.

H.S.M.

Hospitals at Work (Published for the Middlesex Hospital by Max Parrish, 3s. 6d.). This well-illustrated book will be much appreciated by the Ranger or Guide who wants to know something about what really is done in a hospital.

E.R.T.

The Youth Club Book of Recreation, by E. M. R. Burgess (Brown, Son & Fergusson, 8s. 6d.). To the Guider who wants an occasional activity for her Guides or Rangers this book offers a wonderful variety. The contents cannot in any way be considered 'Guidey', but there are always times when we need 'something different', and this book is pretty sure to give us what we want in a new form. The cover, designed by Miss Jennetta Vise, and the illustrations make the book both attractive and useful to all those who need recreational activities for the young people for whom they are working.

M.J.F.

Signalling: The new edition of this booklet is now available from Headquarters and all Branch Shops, price 6d., plus 3d. for packing and postage. It contains all the particulars of Morse and semaphore signalling necessary for the training of Guides. It does not cover advanced signalling to the standard required by Rangers; this latter will appear in the next edition of *Sea Sense*, at present in preparation. The new booklet will, however, be found most useful for Rangers who are beginning to learn one of the codes.

Plays

The Sacred Den (National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, 1s. 6d.). This is a most successful example of group play making and can be recommended to Ranger companies. The play concerns the Trollope family, in particular Anthony's remarkable mother. There are six good character parts for women and the play is full of action.

Five One-Act Plays for Girls, edited by G. Holroyd (Harrap, 6s. 6d.). All the plays in this collection have small casts and would be easy to stage. The two which are most likely to be useful to Rangers are: *Music is My Love*, a sincere little sketch stating the problem of a musical career and mother's objection to it, and *The Queer Customers* concerning trapping some thieves in a café on the Great North Road.

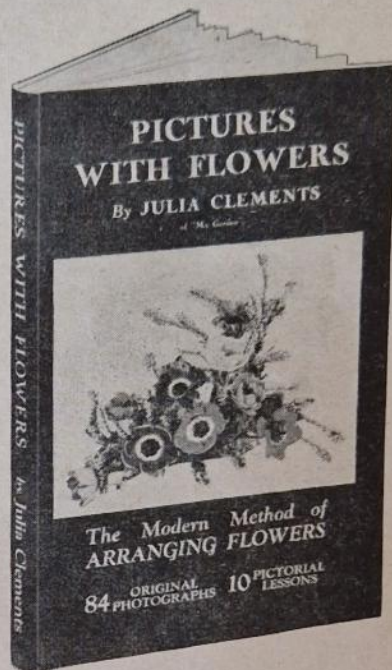
The Producer and the Actor, by Frank Newman (J. Garnet Miller, 3s.). A book of thoroughly sound advice for the producer by a former staff tutor of the British Drama League. Although not specifically addressed to those working with the young it should be most stimulating and helpful to anyone who is setting forth on the adventure of a stage production.

Two Christmas plays which are suitable for the occasion when the whole District, or several parish organisations, join together are: *Come and Behold Him* (Oxford University Press, 3s. 6d.) and *The Christmas Story*, by Freda Collins (Mowbrays, 1s. 6d.). The first is arranged for performance in a village church. The numbers of performers can be varied, but a few older players will be needed. The suggested music is included in the book. *The Christmas Story* is also designed for church production and a large cast of children and young people. It has a charming introduction for a group of girls.

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STOP PRESS

Just as we are going to press the information has come through that the Air Ministry has approved a scheme for Air Ministry Recognition for Air Ranger Flights.

(Full details will be published in next month's issue)

Planning a Post Meeting

EVERY Post Guider is occasionally asked: 'How do you think of it all?' In our Post Company we base our meetings on active meetings and transfer our thoughts to paper. It's as simple as that! Our monthly budget is our 'Meeting' and only with reluctance will Captain accept irrelevant articles or pictures—unless good reproductions, or nature scenes. Pictures of crinoline ladies, or of nothing in particular, have nothing to do with Guiding and it is Guiding we are aiming to give these girls.

Roll Call and Inspection

As in an active meeting—Roll Call first. A different Roll Call each month—not merely names in a row—is fun. Inspection next—and here we point out the connection between the inspection and our Guide life; as a Post Guide I often wondered why Captain was interested in the state of my hands before meals!

Now our Notice Board, and outside Guide news, Guiders' letters, and Patrol Corner—each Guide is expected to write a short letter. A game or competition next—test work, badge work, woodcraft, and something to do during the forthcoming month (birds to watch, sticky buds to collect, etc.). Another game (probably based on test work), and now campfire.

The Surprise Element

A song or two, perhaps a favourite we learnt at camp, a yarn (not always an uplifting one); perhaps a talk on a Guide

law—perhaps not. Our meeting finishes with prayers, and Taps, or a vesper. We relate prayers to something—the Law we have talked about, the season of the year, a special company effort, and so on.

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

FOXLEASE

September

- 3-10 Guide and Brownie Guiders
- 14-21 Outdoor Activities and Holiday
- 24-28 Guide and Brownie Guiders

October

- *1-5 Commissioners, Secretaries and Ranger Guiders
- 8-12 Guide and Brownie Guiders
- 15-19 Oxfordshire
- 22-26 Guide and Brownie Guiders
- 29-2 November. Surrey East

November

- 5-9 Brownie. i. Elementary
ii. Refresher
- †12-14 Trefoil Guild
- 19-23 Guide:
(i.) Elementary; (ii.) Refresher
- 26-30 Winter Camp Training

December

- 31-4 Jan. Cadet Guiders

January

- 7-11 Guide and Brownie
- 14-18 Campfire
- 21-25 County Booking

February

- 25-1 March. Guide and Brownie

March

- 4-8 County Booking
- 11-15 Guide — emphasis on Patrol Leaders' Training
- 18-22 Brownie Guiders
- 25-1 April. Guide and Brownie

April

- 5-15 Guide, Brownie and Ranger Guiders.

* Separate Training. The Ranger Training will include Pre-Enrolment and Ranger Service Star with emphasis on outdoor activity as a general training method.

† All correspondence about this conference should be sent to Miss Longden, Trefoil Guild Central Office, 46 Belgrave Square, S.W.1. The conference will finish on Sunday, but Records may stay until Monday if they wish.

WADDOW

September

- 3-6 General training for Guiders and Commissioners (Guiders may bring their mothers and may stay to 9th)
- 10-14 Guide and Brownie Guiders
- *17-21 Ranger Guiders (all Sections)
- 24-28 S. E. Lancs
- 28-1 October. Local Associations

October

- 1-5 Guide and Brownie Guiders
- 8-12 Outdoor Activities and Winter Camp Training
- 15-19 Guide and Brownie Guiders
- 22-26 English Diploma'd Guiders. Ranger, Guide and Brownie only. (Applications to English Training Department, I.H.Q.)
- 29-2 Nov. Guide and Brownie Guiders

November

- 5-9 Promise and Law
- 12-16 Derbyshire
- 19-23 Guide and Brownie Guiders
- 26-30 Guide and Brownie Guiders (Special emphasis on World Guiding)

December

- 30-8 Jan. General (i.) Refresher
(ii.) Elementary

January

- 14-17 North West Area C.A.s.

February

- 4-8 Guide and Brownie
- 11-15 County Booking
- 18-22 Guide and Brownie

March

- 4-8 Guide and Brownie
- 11-15 Guide and Brownie
- 18-22 County Booking
- †25-29 (i.) Handcraft for company and pack
(ii.) Secretaries

April

- 1-3 County Booking
- 7-18 Guide, Brownie and Ranger (15-18 Outdoor Activities including Bird Watching)

* This training will include sessions on the Promise and Law symbolism and significance; Ranger Service Star Parts I and III; Adventure Expedition; practical boat work for Oarsman and Permit; training and testing for L.A.R.

† Separate Trainings

Applications for Foxlease and Waddow should be sent (with a deposit of 7s. 6d.) and a stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants, or to the Secretary, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs. (Where there is more than one type of training please state for which group you wish to apply.)

Fees: Single room, £4 4s. per week, 13s. 6d. per day; double room, £3 10s. per week, 11s. 6d. per day; shared room, £2 15s. per week, 9s. 6d. per day. Garage, 7s. 6d. per week, 1s. 6d. per day.

I.H.Q. CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

Scout and Guide Joint Campfire. A combined Campfire Training for Scouters and Guiders is to be held on Saturday, November 20, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., at I.H.Q. Sessions will be taken by members of both Movements and will include practical problems in combined campfires, campfire sketches and building up a programme as a whole, ending with a combined campfire to illustrate the Conference.

On Friday, November 19, there will be a special evening session for Guiders only which will include a conference session, and it is hoped that as many Music Advisers, Campfire and Music Instructors

as possible will attend. Fee 8s. 6d., including meals. Applications, enclosing fee, should be made to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department at I.H.Q.

A Camping Conference will be held from November 12 to 15, at High Leigh, Hoddesdon, Herts. This is open to all C.C.A.s C.C.A.s (Admin.) and holders of the Camp Training Diploma. In the case of counties where there is no C.C.A. or C.C.A. (Admin.) a representative may be sent. Applications, enclosing a deposit of 7s. 6d. and a stamped addressed foolscap envelope, should be made to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department at I.H.Q. Fares will be pooled.

County Extension Secretaries' Training:

A training for County Extension Secretaries will be held at I.H.Q. on October 30 and 31, 1954. Commissioners will be welcome. The Trainer will be Miss Branson and there will be sessions by Miss Walker and Mrs. Bergel. Programmes can be obtained from the Extension Secretary, I.H.Q. after September 1. Applications, accompanied by the fee of 5s., should be sent to the Extension Secretary, I.H.Q.

Drama Course.—There will be a nine-week course on Tuesday evenings on various aspects of play production in Guiding at Imperial Headquarters from October 19, and finishing on December 14. Times: 7-9 p.m. The course will include the production of two short plays which will be performed on the last evening. Certain of the sessions will be complete in themselves, as well as being part of the course, and those unable to attend regularly for the nine weeks may book for these individual sessions. Application should be made to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department, I.H.Q., enclosing the fee—7s. 6d. for the course, or 1s. a night. *Closing date September 21.*

A Handcraft Training will be held at Imperial Headquarters on Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7. Applications to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department. Fee 5s. There will be a small additional fee payable at the training to cover the cost of material. For further details see page 195.

Lone Guiders. A Correspondence Course for Lone Guide Guiders will be available from September 1. Those wishing to take part should send their names to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department, enclosing the fee of 4s. and a stamped addressed envelope. Each Guider will then be linked with a Diploma'd Guider who will act as her trainer for the course.

ENGLAND

The English Diploma'd Guiders' Conference (Ranger, Guide and Brownie only) will be held at Waddow from Friday, October 22 to Tuesday, October 26. Applications, enclosing 7s. 6d. deposit and stamped addressed envelope, to the Secretary, English Training Department and not to Waddow.

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

Campfire: Thursdays, September 30 and October 7. Fee 2s. Time 7-9 p.m. (See 'Notes of the Month', page 165, August.)

General Training: Open to all Commissioners and Guiders. Four-week course, October 19 and 26, November 2 and 9. Fee 5s. for course. Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Provision will be made for children if desired.

Brownie Training: Warranted Guiders, new and experienced. September 28th, October 6 and 14. Fee 3s. for course. Time: 7-9 p.m.

Guide Training: Warranted Guiders, new and experienced. September 27, October 5 and 13. Fee 3s. for course. Time: 7-9 p.m.

Ranger Training: All sections (mainly for young Ranger Guiders between the ages of 20 and 25). October 8, 7-9 p.m.; October 9, 2.30-7 p.m.; October 10, 2-5.30 p.m. Fee: 6s. 6d. for the week-end, including tea on Saturday and Sunday.

Guiders' Training: October 19, 7-9 p.m. Fee: 1s. This will be in the form of a general discussion and open session and is open to any Guider who has attended the Brownie, Guide or Ranger course above. 'Planning with a purpose' is the general theme of these trainings.

Extension Guiders: Saturday, October 16. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Fee: 2s. 6d. There will be Ranger, Guide and Brownie training and Guiders of all Handicapped Groups will be catered for. Anybody interested, particularly Commissioners with Extension companies or packs, will be very welcome. All applications, enclosing fee only, to be made to the Secretary, English Training Department, and not to the Extension Department. Please state if lunch and/or tea are required. Lunch 2s. 9d., tea 1s. 3d. payable on the day, please.

SCOTLAND

Netherurd

September

3-10 International Week for Edinburgh Festival visitors (no training)

10-12 Guide and Brownie Certificated Trainers

*17-20 Angus

*24-27 Ayre and Bute

October

1-4 Guide and Brownie Guiders

*8-11 Stirlingshire

15-18 Guide and Brownie Guiders

22-25 Extension Guiders

*29-1 November. Dunbartonshire

November

5-8 Ranger Guiders and County Ranger Adviser Conference

12-15 Cadet Guiders

19-22 Guide and Brownie (including Pre-Warrant section)

26-29 Prospective Certificated Trainers

December

3-6 Rangers

10-13 Trainers' Conference

* At the County week-ends a certain number of places are kept for Guiders from other areas, and any Guider may apply for a place at these trainings.

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

WALES

Broneirion

October

1-3 Penn Fields District, Wolverhampton (closed)

22-26 General Training—All Branches

29-31 Welsh Trainers' week-end

November

9-12 Commissioners

*19-21 Promise and Law week-end, Kilvrough Manor, Gower

26-28 Guide Guiders—special emphasis on Training Patrol Leaders

December

3-5 Country Dancing (By invitation)

* The training is available to Guiders of all sections. Applications for places with 5s. deposit, should be made to Mrs. Jean Morgan, 4 Pantygwydr Road, Uplands, Swansea, and not to Broneirion or Kilvrough Manor. The fees are: 13s. a day for those under 21, 18s. a day for those over 21, and Day Visitors 1s. 6d. and meals extra.

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

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