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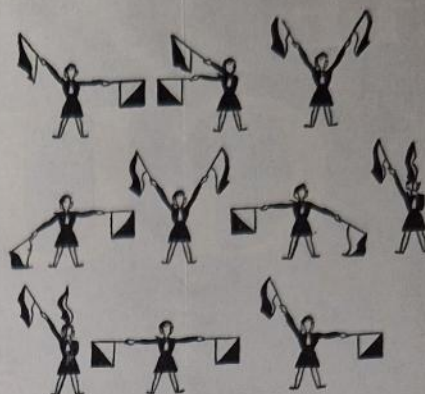
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My Visit to South Africa

By the Chief Commissioner

WE are flying over limitless stretches of fluffy cotton wool which tinges to pink as the sun goes down. It seems hard to believe that this morning I was in Pretoria saying goodbye at Jan Smuts Airport to the Provincial Commissioner, Mrs. Todd, who, with her husband and daughter and the Provincial Secretary, Mrs. Downs, all came to see me off (which entailed getting up at 4.15 a.m.!), and that tomorrow at 3 p.m. I shall be in London, having touched down for an hour each at Lusaka, Nairobi, Khartoum, Cairo, Athens, Rome and Paris. *Magic!*

But how can I describe this last month to you or give you any idea of this great South Africa—nearly half a continent? Still harder to tell you of the kindness, the hospitality, the real Guide friendship which I found there.

The first overriding impression is of sun—lots and lots of it everywhere—and then a very beautiful land, as diverse in its beauty as Europe perhaps, but all of it fascinating and lovely. This time of year is not a particularly good one for flowers, as it is the equivalent of our autumn, but even so there were very many beautiful flowers to be seen, most of them completely unknown to me. It is, I believe, a fact that there are more different varieties of wild flowers in one square mile in Cape Province than in the whole of the United Kingdom.

I went from the great rolling veldt of the Transvaal, with its gold mines, its capital, Pretoria, and the great city of Johannesburg, all dwarfed by the country itself, to Bechuanaland, with its orderly African villages and wide spaces, through which Mr. and Mrs. Leech, Territory Commissioners for Scouts and Guides, whirled me by car, and then to the Orange Free State, whose

stretches of plain with pale, blue hills arising from it suddenly—like islands from a sea of green or gold—I thought had a charm and beauty all its own. In Bechuanaland, too, was Mafeking, with all its history of the siege and B-P's exploits. For any Scout or Guide the museum has special interest as it contains a wonderful collection of the Founder's drawings, letters, and objects of interest.

From there overnight I went to Kimberley, in Cape West Province, where are the D'Beer's diamond mines and they showed me every sort of diamond and then on to Blomfontein, capital of the Orange Free State, with its University and schools, where the cosy atmosphere of a market town or dorp has been preserved, despite the fact that it is such a central point in South Africa and a busy meeting place for business men. From there I went to Basutoland, a wild country with range upon range of incredibly beautiful mountains and the clearest atmosphere I think I have



[By courtesy South African Tourist Association]
Table Mountain, rising vast and majestic behind Cape Town

ever seen. There are wide plains between these hills and everywhere you see the Basutos riding about on horseback with their gay blankets and wonderful straw hats.

Then back to Blomfontein again. During my tour I seldom returned anywhere and when I saw the Provincial Commissioner, Mrs. Roux, awaiting me on the platform I felt I had come home. I passed through the new towns of the gold fields, some of which had sprung up during the last five years but are now quite considerable towns, to Pietermaritzburg in beautiful wooded Natal. From there I drove through some of the most spectacular and beautiful country in the world—the great Drakensburg Range which has been called 'the spine of Africa' on the right, and rolling hills around as we ate up the miles, to Kokstadt, with

Mount Curry rising superbly above it; then on again, stopping at Mount Frere, Umtata, and Butterworth, to East London with its miles and miles of lovely sand and great breakers rolling in—a wonderful surfing centre.

From there, via Port Elizabeth, I flew to Cape Town which is acknowledged to be one of the most breathtakingly beautiful places in the world. It really seems to have everything—sun, climate, flowers, fruit, The Mountain rising vast and paramount above the town, and in front is laid the blue sea and a panorama of mountains beyond the bay.

A Sense of Belonging

This is the background of my tour which may sound almost too good to be true, but in fact I feel it to be an understatement of the loveliness of the country I saw, and I think you must have the backcloth before I even try to paint you a picture of the Guiding there. I want you to see with your mind's eye what I saw as I went from place to place, always the little group of gay blue uniforms awaiting me, whether I came by plane or train, bus or car, and always that warmth of welcome; so that instead of feeling myself perching in a place as a tourist and bird of passage, I immediately had a sense of belonging and being part of all I saw.

Wherever one meets the Guide people there is such masses of things to talk about as we are all interested and know about the same thing. We have so many friends in common, too, and there

is the delight of renewing friendships started very often at Headquarters in London or some other part of the world. For instance, in Basutoland, which is perhaps the most remote country that I went to, and whose European population is only 1,600 amongst half a million Africans, I found Miss Paterson who was Secretary at Scottish Headquarters for fifteen years (and whom I last heard of in Tasmania), and Miss Gaul of The Grail as well as lots of Basuto Guides.

Two Awards for Bravery

In thinking back on this month I realize that it would be quite impossible to tell you a fraction of the exciting things I have done and seen, but there are two highlights of my visit which I should like you to know of. I gave the Silver Cross to a Sunbeam, Gadebolae Ketswantwa*, at her own village of

Digawana, in Bechuanaland, with her Chief and all her friends and relations, Scouts, Guides, Sunbeams and Wolf Cubs there to rejoice in the honour she had been awarded.

In Cape East, where I was met by Mrs. Giffen, the Provincial Commissioner, I was so happy that Gillian Sheppard was able to come from Peddie to a gathering of the East London Division in their camping ground and receive her badge of Fortitude. It was lovely for me, too, to be able to congratulate, on behalf of you all, a Sunbeam and a Guide who have been so brave. I also saw other Extension Companies, and in one of them in Cape West there was a Guide who had the Badge of Fortitude.

I went to some of the very loveliest campfires I have ever been to, and rallies and revels, too, and oh, the too-good-to-be-true feeling one has when there is no fifty-fifty chance of a wet day!

No visit to South Africa would be complete without telling of the African singing—great waves of song that surge round you; with perfect rhythm and harmony—a Guide starts singing and moving feet or hand or body or all three, and then the whole company joins in, singing straight away in parts, in perfect unison like a well-trained choir. I had never heard such fine singing, so utterly spontaneous and natural before, but it seems that every African can sing. Acting, too, comes easily to them. A Company dressed up and acted the family of the bridegroom coming to see the family of the prospective bride, and gave a really brilliant



[By courtesy South Africa House]
Groot Constantia, Pretoria, built by a former Governor, and one of the finest 17th century houses in South Africa

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'In Good Order'

By Iris Morrison

GUIDES learn drill to enable them to be moved quickly from one point to another in good order,' wrote our Founder. He also said that if you wanted to be able to do something at a moment of crisis you must prepare for it beforehand. We can hardly look upon a Parade and a March Past as a crisis, yet if we have not prepared for it it may certainly end up by being one!

For a County, Division or District Parade, drill and marching should always be practised beforehand. To present ourselves in the public eye 'in good order', and as smart as we should wish to be, needs any amount of practice. A little at a time over several weeks is better than a long drill practice as this tires the Guides. Guides who have only done Company Drill in their club room and who have never practised marching out of doors can hardly be expected to do themselves justice in public on an important occasion, which is rather an alarming one for all concerned! They must be sure of themselves, with the self-confidence that comes from knowing what they are expected to do. Then they won't lose their heads, but will be on their mettle and enjoy it.

It is really a question of going out and marching in a playground or quiet street. There are several important parts to learn, as well as the actual Drill in Threes and marching Colours on and off, which will make all the difference to the look of the Parade on the day. They are these:

1. *Starting Position.*
2. *Moving off and getting into a rhythmic marching pace.*
3. *Passing the saluting base, with eyes right and eyes front.*
4. *Halting and getting ready for an inspection* (this does not always happen but it is sometimes arranged).
5. *Dismissing.*

1. Starting Position

The command, 'Move to the right in threes, Right—Turn', will have been given, and the preceding drill commands as for 'Drill in threes'. The company will be waiting for the command

to move off. First of all check up their starting position.

Is this a good standing position? If we have been keeping an eye on the Guides' posture at other times, and working towards this, we shall be well repaid now. Shoulders back, the back of the neck stretched upwards, tail down, tummy in, knees straight and weight forward. The position should look easy and natural and should not appear stiff in any way.

2. Moving Off

This needs a lot of practice, otherwise it looks ragged and it is some time before a good marching rhythm is achieved. It is important that everyone's weight should be forward so as to be able to step off on the left foot immediately after the command is given. If the Guides are resting on their heels there is a little time lag whilst those who have gone to sleep on their heels transfer their weight before they can step off! As they step off with their left foot, their right arm swings forward, fingers clenched, thumbs forward.

This movement can be practised on the spot several times until it becomes a natural movement. Then march forward several paces, halt and begin again, getting a steady rhythm right from the start. Then try a longer march. It's a good idea for the company to sing or hum a marching



On the March. Owing to large numbers on this parade the Guides marched in sixes

tune with a good rhythm as they go, e.g., 'The Guide Marching Song', by Mary Chater, or the tune of 'John Brown's body'. This helps a great deal in getting a steady pace and a feeling of progression.

As the Guides march, have another check up, as this is very often the moment when the good starting posture comes to grief! Heads go down as they move off, eyes to the ground, shoulders become round and chins poke forward, elbows bent. Make sure that the Guides know that when marching they do not talk. If they are out of step it may be that the pace set may be too long or too short, too quick or slow, and this will result in a ragged appearance. When arranging a parade, if there is to be a band to lead the March Past, it is well worth working out the correct length of pace, and the time, with the bandmaster.

Also get behind the Guides and have a look up the columns to see if they are straight, marching exactly behind their markers.

3. Passing the Saluting Base

Mark this out so that the Guides know where it is and, if possible, have a person representing the V.I.P. on the dais, if not have something to mark this spot well visible. A flag or a marker should be placed 10 to 15 yards either side of the dais. It is at this marker that the Guiders leading the parade and each successive Guider who is leading a section of the parade, gives the command 'Eyes—Right'.

All heads should be turned, except the markers, the Guider salutes. Heads when turned should still be in an upright position, with the chin nearly over the right shoulder. There is a tendency to lift the chin and so drop the head backwards, or to tuck the chin in and so bring the head forwards. Eyes should look straight at the face of the V.I.P. on the dais (this is no occasion to be shy!) with a smile or at least a pleasant look! This should be practised, in the hopes that it will be remembered when the moment comes. So often Guides go past a saluting base with a completely blank look which is a great pity, as they look so attractive and alive when they are smiling!

After the Guider marching behind the company has passed the marker beyond the saluting base she gives the command 'Eyes—Front'. The 'Eyes Right' on the march is not an easy movement for Guides, and therefore it is one that is worth a good deal of practice before the occasion.

4. Inspection

If there is to be an inspection the parade will be halted at a pre-arranged spot, therefore it would be as well to practise the 'Open Order', and 'Close Order' and the following procedure: 'Company—Halt.'

'Left—Turn.'
'Right—Dress.'

The latter is an important command here so that the Guides will look well spaced. Then if the V.I.P. is to walk down the ranks the following command is given: 'Company, Open Order—March.'

The centre rank stands steady, the front rank takes two paces forward, the rear rank two paces backwards. If the Colour Party is in the middle of the company this takes 4 paces forward, bringing it in front of the front rank. If there is a wait the company should be stood at ease, and the Colour Party at ease, with the flag at the Order.

The company should be brought back to the Attention position in good time on the approach of the V.I.P. After the inspection the command 'Close Order—March' is given. The front and rear ranks returning to their former positions, and the Colour Party taking 4 steps backwards. When practising the movement it can be done to numbers.

'Open Order—March' 1.2., 'Close Order—March', 1.2., so that it is done briskly and all together. During the inspection Guides should make every effort to hold themselves well.

5. Dismiss

The Guider in charge will Dismiss the Parade. The Dismiss to a count of 7 should be practised well so that it is done smartly, and together, with a correct Guide Salute. 1.2. turn right, 3.4.5. salute. Check that this is correct and that the fingers are lifted right up to the beret, and that the head is not bent sideways or forwards. 6. hand down, 7. off the spot. 'Off the spot'—not a sudden clamour of conversation and a hurly-burly of Guides all over the place, falling over each other! Of course they must let off steam, but later on! A good ending. Prepare them in your practices to get right off the spot quietly and 'in good order' before the chat starts!

(NOTE.—Details of all the Drill mentioned can be found in 'Drill Up-to-Date', 6d. The new drill handbook is being prepared and when it is ready a note will be published in THE GUIDER.)

Our Cover Picture

THE ANNIVERSARY of the Relief of Mafeking falls on 17th May and a few weeks before this date two veterans of the Relief of Mafeking, Gunner E. J. Hammon and Driver Charles Slaughter, of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, had an opportunity of meeting the Chief Guide when she opened the 'Mafeking to Modern Times' Scout Exhibition held in their Exhibition Hall by courtesy of Selfridges Ltd. During the opening ceremony messages were read from the present Scouts of Mafeking and from a surviving member of the Boy Messenger Corps present at the siege.

The Patrol System in Camp

By Janet Cozens

*'And were you a camper? And did you rejoice
To sleep in a tent with the friends of your choice?
And do you remember the mug and the plate?
The scent of the smoke and the squeak of the
gate?'*

AND do you remember other things, too? Making your patrol totem for instance—a snake out of teasel heads, a carved wooden bird, or a gaily coloured beetle laboriously embroidered on a flag? Going to sleep with a bundle of dry kindling under your pillow because you were Cook Patrol next morning? Or sitting huddled in your tent, planning a stunt for campfire, while the rain drummed down outside?

So many of the joys of camp, as well as its disciplines, come through being one of a patrol—'Thunderbird', 'Leaping Hart', or 'Bracken-clock'—or even the 'Swallow' that you are year round maybe; but 'being one of a patrol' is not an automatic result of our taking an assorted collection of Guides to live in a field for a week, dividing them into smaller groups, calling them patrols and then hoping for the best. It is the result of imaginative understanding on the part of the Guider as to what 'being in a patrol' can mean to a Guide, of the experience it can bring to her and of the means by which, through the opportunities of any one particular camp, that experience can be made possible to her.

Those opportunities will differ year by year, according to circumstances and according to the capabilities and needs of the individual members of the company. They will depend, too, on the way in which we have used, or not used, the patrol system during the year; and much will depend on the type of camp it is.

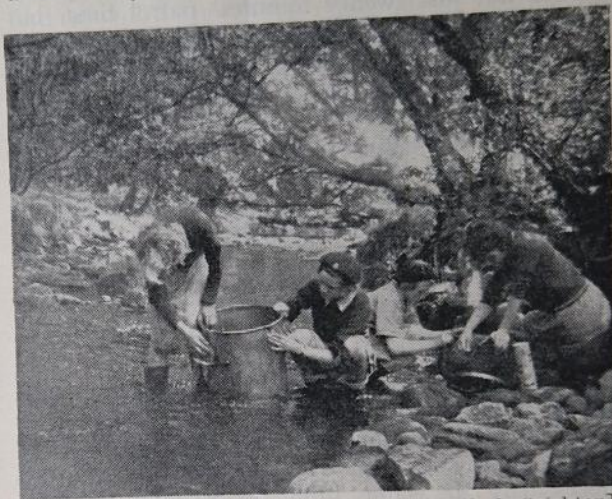
Is it an over fifty group camp? Division or District or Company? Is it for ten days, a week or just for a week-end? In a bare field, a wooded valley, on a farm or by the sea? With really adequate numbers of Guiders or with just enough to manage? Is there a fair proportion of old hands amongst the Guides or are they all new at the game? We shall need to consider all these things afresh for each camp, and try to visualise how they will affect our use of the patrol system.

But though each camp may have a different set of circumstances the principles involved and the aim they express remain the same and we shall need to keep these firmly in mind while working out the details of the method for any one particular camp. What *are* some of the things that the Guides may gain from being one of a patrol?

* From 'The Trefoil Guild Song,' by Mary Chater

What special opportunities does camp offer of their fulfilment, and what will be our part in making full use of them? These, I think, are some of them:

1. The chance of belonging to a small group where every member counts and where there is no



[Photo: N. J. Crichton]

The Patrol gets busy on the 'last day' camp chores

chance of being lost in a crowd. In camp that means not just coming together for a brief time once a week, with occasional attempts at gathering the patrol together for longer stretches of time, but a whole week, or whatever it is, of being together, 'for better or for worse'; not a chart or two, and a box in a corner of a Church Hall, but a home of your own with a view you have chosen; not 'time to go home' just when Betty is becoming impossible, or when Mary is really opening up for the first time, but a real chance to live together.

The Guider's Part

Arrange patrols with care if they have to be different from the usual company ones; let the Guides have a say in that arrangement. Weigh up carefully the pros and cons of mixing companies in patrols in a mixed camp, or of keeping patrols all from one company; don't feel that even numbers is the main criterion. Give plenty of time before camp for patrols to plan, especially if they are composite camp patrols; be ready with suggestions for names and emblems and ideas for patrol equipment, especially if they are new to the game; catch their imaginations from the beginning; try to let them know what kind of a tent theirs will be even if they cannot practise on the actual one before they go; give plenty of time

in camp for them to enjoy their own home and belongings, and see that they have sufficient skill, before they go, to succeed in looking after them well; enthuse your P.L.s (not difficult when the camp is to be all from one company, but needs planning if the P.L.s are to come from several companies; any effort involved in getting them together before camp, if at all possible, will be well worth while).

2. *A real chance to use their own initiative without adult direction and supervision.* In camp that means not just twenty minutes' patrol time, but whole long stretches of time to call your own; not an occasional 'think for yourself' activity when Captain could give you a hint, but won't, but jobs to do, and problems to think out, on your own, when it is impossible for her to give you a hint even if she wanted to, because she cannot be in several places at once; not learning to cope with imaginary emergencies, but having to cope with real ones, when the cows get entangled, the rain seeps under the brailing, or a visitor arrives unexpectedly.

The Guider's Part

Give the Guides practice in thinking for themselves throughout the year; encourage them to have ideas of their own all along the line; let them try things out and learn by experience (not necessarily the same thing as learning by their mistakes). Know for what activities adult supervision is required and learn how to keep out of the way for the rest. Know when a word dropped to a P.L. is an acceptable tip, and when it is merely a piece of irritating interference.

Use the opportunities for Scouting games that camp affords; have a programme that is sufficiently elastic to allow for surprises. Train the P.L.s so that they have confidence and are able to stand on their own feet.

3. *A chance to tackle a real job of work as a member of a team, where the contribution of each one counts.* 'Where's Jane? Go and dig her out. We're going wooding.' 'Here, borrow my tie; yours won't do for the colour party!' 'Come on, we're cooks.'

The Guider's Part

Give the Guides practice in whatever camp skills are possible during the year; see that the jobs in camp are manageable, and be ready to adjust them if not; see that the jobs are clearly understood and that there is sufficient equipment and time to do them well; have the rota written attractively and clearly; try a new line in job-names: 'Hoppers', 'Handy Andys', etc.; set the pace yourself and expect people to enjoy the jobs; ask a high standard but don't ever nag; train your P.L.s so that they know what they're at, as no one can get the best out of others unless she knows her job herself.

4. *A chance to take real responsibility, with others, for things of a size they can grasp.* 'Bother! We left the cover off our wood-pile last night, and now the wood's all wet. That'll teach us!' 'There! I'm sure there isn't a single toffee paper in the tent today.'

'We'd better hurry if we're going to get back to the bus stop on time.'

The Guider's Part

Know what things the Guides and P.L.s can reasonably be expected to be responsible for; see that the P.L.s know quite clearly what things are their responsibility; remember that it is better to give full responsibility for a few things than only half responsibility for many; know when you have demanded the impossible, and how to adjust things through the Court of Honour; train and trust the P.L.s.

5. *A chance to share in the self-government of a small community.* That means not a monthly Court of Honour planning for distant events, but a daily one planning matters that are of very present concern and importance; not having to wait at least a week before you hear whether the idea you sent forward was accepted or not, but getting the answer and being able to act on it straight away; not hearing a long time after the event that things were not up to standard, but being brought to book through the Court of Honour straight away.

The Guider's Part

Start camp plans and preparations far enough ahead for the company to share in them through the Court of Honour right from the start. Allow time in camp for Patrols-in-Council and time for the P.L.s to take decisions back to the patrols, so that everyone has a chance to share in the plans and to know what's going on. Experiment in order to find the best time for Court of Honour in that particular camp.

Use discretion over the matters that you ask the camp to decide, remembering that the Guides will not have sufficient experience to decide everything (there is such a thing as 'democracy run riot'); and when they are making a decision see that they understand the issues involved.

Allow yourself time to prepare for Court of Honour and don't come to it with a mallet in one hand and a guyline in the other, and your mind on neither; if you are dealing with some emergency at the time appointed, why not delegate the chairmanship? (And do it deliberately, with complete trust.)

Give the P.L.s all the help you can to make a success of their job; let them feel that you and they together really are a Court of Honour and that they have your trust.

These are just some of the opportunities that

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Letters to Lieutenant—3

DEAR MARGARET,

Happy term! I expect you're so busy 'picking up the threads' you've forgotten the holidays—but the company haven't, and keep chatting about the fun they had on the hike. What's more the patrols are now planning to get out on their own! Thank you so much for giving a hand. Your help with the leaders, and the fact that Joan is now coming regularly as part of her cadet training has made a new woman of me—almost!

I know now what other people mean when they say that being the only Guider in a company or pack is more than twice as difficult and only half as much fun as being one of two. We were discussing it at the last District meeting and have been asked to make suggestions for a Division drive for more Guiders. Out of the thirty-one packs and companies in the Division, apparently, only twenty have two Guiders apiece at the moment, and now that I have floundered along on my own for a while I know how mighty difficult it is for the other eleven.

I remember spending quite a bit of time at a training once on 'ideas for the single-handed Guider'. They were all useful, but I wonder now whether it wouldn't be better to put more energy into finding the adequate number of Guiders rather than into thinking up ways of helping one person to do what can only be done well and happily by two. That seems to be the line the Division Commissioner is going on, and we've all been asked to put our minds to it. The L.A. are coming in on it, too, and the Trefoil Guild. They've been told many times at District annual meetings that we need more Guiders but I don't think they've been asked before to share in the thinking out *why*

we haven't enough and how to set about finding more.

I've been trying to sort out my ideas and *if* you have time I'd love to know what yours are, too. Perhaps you could do a bit of research among other people at college. It shouldn't be too impossible to find out one or two useful facts from a group like that—and even though those findings might not have much direct bearing on the position here, they might give us one or two useful lines of thought.

Three lines of attack have struck me. I'm going through the records of all the Guides who have left the company in the last five years and trying to track them down, and Mollie is doing the same with the Rangers. (Haven't decided what to do when I *have* tracked them down, but it will be a start anyway). And I'm going to ask John and Betty at the tennis club if they'll help at the District patrol competition (John was a Scout, so it ought to be up his street and he and Betty do a good deal of youth hostelling together), and what's more I'm not going to apologize for asking them! And I'm going through my address book as there may be one or two likely people who would help in some way if only we ask them; the trouble is, we don't ask. Let me know if you can think of any other likely sources hereabouts.

Plans for camp are going well ahead. There was a hitch about the lorry but Pamela's father has come to the rescue.

Am trying not to be busy, which Mother Erskine Stuart says 'is to be occupied in something in which it is inconvenient to be interrupted'. Have you read her *Life and Letters*? If not, do. But I find that I *am* busy—so must stop!

Best wishes,

DIANA

The Patrol System in Camp

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being in a patrol in camp can give; and a few of the ways in which we can make use of them. They are easiest to achieve in a company camp, of course, but they are not impossible in District, Division or even larger camps, if only we keep the purpose firmly in mind and adapt our methods to achieve it. If we have forgotten the purpose of it all we can remind ourselves by reading *Aids to Scoutmastership* (B-P), or *Scout Camps* (John Thurman and Rex Hazlewood), or *Campcraft for Girl Guides*!

Planning before camp, on which so much depends, is much more difficult in a bigger-than-company camp; much may have to be done by correspondence, but it *can* be done if we start

early enough, and if we are sufficiently convinced of its value to make the effort. Early and thorough planning is the secret of success in the carrying out of any enterprise where the understanding and willing co-operation of a team is concerned.

The patrol in camp works as a team; the Court of Honour works as a team; and so must the Guiders work as a team, each one knowing her own job, each understanding the aim and the method, each one trusting the leader of the camp; from that point of view the patrol system holds good right through the camp, from Commandant to the newest camper.

First Aid in Camp

By Dr. Margaret M. Allison, M.B.

THERE are fashions in First Aid just as surely as in women's clothes. They change from year to year, from place to place, and from person to person. Think of the many remedies which have been used for treating burns since Guides first went to camp, such as oil, boracic, baking soda, picric acid, tea, vaseline, etc., etc. Each has had its day and has then been superseded, but whatever the method used, the fundamental facts of First Aid remain the same, namely, that treatment should be *prompt, effective and comforting to the patient.*

Your First Aid may look well, but if you have made the patient more miserable instead of more comfortable, you have not *done* well. Remember always that to the patient relief from pain and reassurance are the paramount considerations. In dealing with injury or illness, we have a great ally known as the healing power of nature, and one of nature's chief weapons is *rest*—local, to the injured part, general, to the whole body. So, in addition to other treatment, a comfortable camp bed, coupled in most cases in this climate with a hot water bottle and a hot drink, can work wonders in allaying anxiety and in improving the patient's condition.

Practise Treatment Again and Again

In this article we hope to give you some hints which may be helpful and to show you how to avoid some of the mistakes which are often made. We do *not* set out to teach you the First Aid and nursing you require to know. That knowledge can be obtained from any of the standard textbooks available, from discussions with your friends, and, most of all, from practice. Practise the treatment again and again until you become familiar with dosage and technique, and then if the actual emergency arises you can handle it with assurance. So often the theory is known but the practical application is poor.

Before camp, when preparing your medicine chest, see that you really know *why* you are packing each item and for what it should be used. Have everything clearly marked and arranged so that the name can be seen, and try to take articles which can be used for several conditions rather than for only one. A splendid example of this is salt—yes, common salt—because saline solution (one level teaspoonful of salt to each pint of water, boiled to sterilize) has so many uses, such as for bathing all kinds of cuts and wounds, for bathing and dressing burns, as an eye lotion, as a gargle, or even as a refreshing foot bath for tired feet!

In camp, after setting up the hospital tent, lay out your remedies, instruments and dressings in

such a way that they can immediately be picked up as required. It is no use having a beautifully packed medicine chest if, in an emergency, you have to unpack and rummage through it to get what you need. Clean biscuit tins, enamelled white, can be used, each containing an easily accessible and orderly array of remedies, etc. If prepared, the medical supplies can be laid out on clean towels or napkins, and covered with butter muslin or similar material when not actually in use. An old pillow case which has been boiled is very suitable for holding a supply of cotton wool and dressings ready for immediate use.

The camp First Aider may often also be the Camp Commandant, and when there are more than ten campers she should have a First Aid orderly who will also know the exact layout and arrangements, act as assistant, keep the hospital tent clean and tidy, and help with any bed patients. Only the First Aid staff should be allowed to handle the medical stores, and there should be a definite dispensary time each day when minor complaints can be dealt with and remedies handed out. A First Aid manual should be available in a prominent place in the hospital tent in case the hospital staff become casualties or, under stress and strain, suffer from a mental blackout!

In bathing wounds, strong antiseptic solutions are little used nowadays, because they retard healing. Bathe the wound freely, preferably with saline (salt) and water and afterwards put on a dry dressing, even with septic wounds, as moist dressings encourage bacterial growth. When changing a dressing, never pull it off, as the healing granulations are disturbed, but if it is sticking, soaking in saline will quickly loosen it. Remember the value of elevation and support in wounds and injuries of limbs.

Severe bleeding is to many people very alarming and it is always a real emergency and *must* have priority in treatment. Know how to apply a firm pad and bandage, know the pressure points, and know when, and how, to apply a tourniquet and the risks attached. Many children are terrified by even slight bleeding, and a bleeding nose may completely shatter their nerve unless they are quickly reassured and treated.

Keep First Aid Simple

Few camps without a resident doctor are so isolated as not to be able to obtain medical attention reasonably quickly, and it is wise to keep First Aid treatment simple, this being specially applicable to fractures. If a leg is fractured and the patient must be moved, tie the legs together

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From the Overseas Chief Commissioner

MANY people have written and spoken of the beauty of Cape Town, nestling beneath the splendour of Table Mountain, but until you actually live there for a few days you cannot realise its true loveliness.

Walking into its beautiful old Dutch houses, with their open courtyards and their vines, their rooms filled with lovely Dutch furniture made of South African stinkwood, you live again the early years when men of adventure settled and made their homes there. You see something of its history through the old Malay Quarter, and now, just recently, the huge cleared space of ground which has been reclaimed from the sea. There are whaling ships in the port besides the modern liners, and that makes you remember how far south Cape Town lies.

As you stand on Table Mountain, after that fascinating and perilous journey up the mountain railway, you can see for miles and remember the adventures and trials and struggles of the different races who go to make up the people of Cape Town, and the name that was given so very long ago to that farthest point—Cape of Good Hope.

Extension Guiding in Cape Town

In the midst of the present-day problems and perplexities of South Africa, which are very real, it was fine to spend Thinking Day in seeing such a wide range of Guiding as I was shown. In the morning the Provincial Commissioner took me to see European, Coloured and African Guides in three Children's Homes. The Maitland Home and Lady Michaelis Home were both for orthopaedic cases, and it was so nice to be able to talk to the Guides there, who in some cases had been able to get into uniform specially, although we visited them during their school session.

Then we went on to the Witboom School for the Deaf, kept by the Dominican nuns, for Coloured and African

boys and girls. Here again the Guides were in school, actually at a needlework class. I have never met more friendly and unshy people, so delighted to show their work, which was exquisite. The Sister with them, also a Guide, came from Ireland and she was as gay and delightful as you can imagine. You felt she even managed to put a joke into the quick movements of her fingers as she translated some of the things we were saying.

There was so much happiness and goodness in this school—something to take away and remember always. We talked to the tailor who taught the boys his trade, and he said something which struck me very much. He was a great enthusiast, and when I commented on the wonderful happiness of the girls he said: 'I often think it is because they can hear no evil and speak no evil', and it conjured up a picture of so many unnecessary little bits of gossip and unkindness that we could do so well without, and that had been removed completely from them. The help and after care that these girls and boys are given so as to establish them firmly out in the world is very wonderful also, but nothing was so lovely as the spirit that pervaded these children, and that shone in the faces of the nuns and the kind little tailor.

After lunch with some of the Council, and a

thoughtfully planned rest, I was taken to Groot Constantia, a lovely old house and Wine Estate, which had been the home of one of the first Governors, and then to the Thinking Day gathering which had been arranged by the False Bay Division. This consisted entirely of European Guides and Brownies who presented a really excellent international ceremony, each country's flag, badge and uniform having been specially made for the occasion. There were many young Guiders and Commissioners, several Queen's Guides, one of whom received her badge that evening, and a good collection of parents—a lovely happy party like so many that



[By courtesy of 'Cape Times']
Lady Gibbs presents the Queen's Guide Badge to Alison Donnal, a Guide in the 1st Berquilet Company, Cape Town



Some of the toddlers at St. Faith's Mission Clinic for spastic or polio cases

were going all round the world that day and so fittingly gathered near the Cape of Good Hope.

Durban is a huge town full of seaside hotels and lovely beaches. Its streets are full of people of many different tribes, the Zulu rickshaw boys particularly looking too wonderful with their extraordinary ceremonial headdress and their bead ornaments. There are many Indians, more than in any other part of the Union, and I was taken to see Guides in two Indian schools, where they had managed to put on interesting programmes at the last moment, having only just started to meet again after the holidays.

The Council invited me to their meeting one morning and to a large gathering of Guiders and Commissioners that same evening. This was held in their Division Headquarters and was particularly happy and delightful.

An African Rally

At Port Elizabeth there was an African rally, held in the Location at New Brighton, scene of the riots only eighteen months ago. Here we had many small children, carrying their even smaller brothers and sisters on their backs, as spectators, besides the old grannies and casual passers-by who leaned over the fence and watched with great interest. The Africans started their March Past by singing in the distance before you could see them coming and they kept up the marching song all the time, singing in parts quite naturally, as perhaps only the Polynesians and the Welsh can do.

Later we saw displays of different forms of training and games, ending with a lovely campfire, during which they sang the Reaping Song, which the South African contingent had sung at the World Conference campfire. In the evening a really splendid gathering of Commissioners and Guiders, European and Indian, took place at the beautiful Hall, and it was lovely to have a chance to meet so many people from such a wide area.

Ten days later we went on to Southern Rhodesia where Mrs. Wynne, the Chief Commissioner, met me on arrival at Salisbury and took me to a Guide tea party at Governor's Lodge, which their President, Lady William Powlett, had so kindly organised. Here were Commissioners and Guiders, European, Coloured and African, from the surrounding districts and from many places up to one hundred and fifty miles away, and amongst them I found two from Hertfordshire, and Clare Lawrence, who had just completed her week in Malta—so lucky that we could coincide.

An Experiment in Community Living

Two days later we went to St. Faith's Anglican Mission, over a hundred miles from Salisbury, where there is some of the best African Guiding in the Colony. We visited Sunbeams, two companies of Guides, and Rangers. The Sunbeams were making most fascinating little clay pots, one company of Guides was learning how to treat snakebite and bandage sprained ankles, and the other showed us a fascinating balancing and ball-bouncing game.

At St. Faith's an experiment in community living is being carried out for several hundred



The Church at St. Faith's Mission

Africans. Each family is leased a house and some ground and they all work as well on the Community Farm belonging to the Mission.

There is a clinic at which spastic and polio children are treated, a boarding school for girls, and day school for boys and girls. The church is one of the most fascinating I have ever seen, decorated in native design and colours, and by the reading desk is a drum belonging to a Medicine Man who brought it to the church when he became a Christian.

HELEN GIBBS

Correction: In the article on 'Compass Points and Map Reading' by Miss Cobham, published in the April issue on page 107, the annual decrease in the magnetic variation of the compass should have read 'about 10 minutes' and *not* '10 degrees'.

The GUIDER

An Eight-Minute Show

The Camp the Guides Built

HOVE Division Guides were asked by the Youth Organiser to join in a show to be given by all the youth organisations in the Town Hall. When the details were settled we were told that we were to have just eight minutes, this to include getting on, and off, the stage. The stage had no curtains and everything had to be done in full view of the audience.

At the Division Court of Honour meeting, which decided to take part in the show, a strong desire was expressed to do something different from the other organisations and finally it was decided to try to show how Guides camp. As the result was considered a success it seems worth passing on the idea in case other places find themselves needing a brief and effective show which can be put on with very little time spent on it. One rehearsal only was held and that was not on the stage where the performance was to take place.

'The House that Jack built' was used as the basis for the idea and the title given was 'The Camp the Guides built'. A Guider recited the words at a microphone, and the Guides (who were lined up ready at one side of the stage) came on as their particular phrase was said. Each group had an action allotted to them, and they repeated this action each time they were mentioned. For the rest of the time they froze and held their poses. This proved effective and the audience were appreciative and amused, especially when a Guide slightly overacted her part.

The words used are set out below, but, of course, they can be varied according to any need or choice. The properties used were very simple, only bare necessities to allow a clear and amusing action. The actual time taken on the day was six minutes, which was popular with the organisers of a long programme.

1. *This is the camp the Guides built.*
2. *This is the tent, brought by Jill, to sleep
In the camp the Guides built.*
3. *This is the roll that holds the bed—laid
out to air—
In front of the tent, brought by Jill, to
sleep
In the camp the Guides built.*
4. *This is the stand that holds the bowl for
washing her hands,
That's near the roll, etc.*



5. *This is the staff that flies the flag that
rallies the Guides
Beyond the stand, etc.*
6. *This is the pot that cooks the food that's
eaten by Jill,
Away from the staff, etc.*
7. *This is the trap that saves the grease from
fouling the grass,
Beside the pot, etc.*
8. *This is the tin that's full of holes to burn
the rubbish that mars the camp,
Around the trap, etc.*

That is the song that ends campfire,

(A break here while all Guides who can leave their properties gather in a semi-circle and sing Taps.)

During the final recitation each group go off, as they are mentioned, taking their properties with them.

*That was the song that ends campfire,
In the camp with the tin that's full of holes to
burn the rubbish that mars the camp,
Around the trap that saves the grease from
fouling the grass,
Beside the pot that cooks the food that's eaten
by Jill,
Away from the staff that flies the flag that
rallies the Guides,
Beyond the stand that holds the bowl for
washing her hands,
That's near the roll that holds the bed—laid out
to air—
In front of the tent brought by Jill to sleep
In the camp the Guides built.*

J. M. NEWNHAM

Council for Education in World Citizenship

The C.E.W.C. summer programme includes the organization of holiday conferences in Bristol, Switzerland, Denmark and Yugoslavia, as well as a combined work camp/holiday visit to Lower Saxony, for young people of varied age groups according to the camp/conference in question. A summer school for teachers is also being arranged in Geneva. Further details can be obtained from the Public Relations Dept., at I.H.Q., or the C.E.W.C., 25 Charles Street, London, W.1.

Ideas for Companies and Packs

'Aunt Sally' Inspection

Captain bowls four balls at the company to see who is knocked over. This is how it is done. The company are drawn up in the usual formation for inspection. Captain then asks four questions and any Guide who cannot say 'Yes' to any one of the questions has to sit down. Before any questions are asked everyone (including the Guiders) shuts her eyes. If the company are well spaced out any Guide should be able to sit down without her neighbour knowing when she does so, and in this way only each Guide herself knows which question it was that knocked her out. At the end all open their eyes and count up the number left standing.

It would be a pity to leave matters at this stage and half the value of this inspection lies in a repeat performance after a week or two to see how much the company has improved. Captain will fit her questions to her company but here are a few ideas to start on.

1. 'Has the leather part of your belt been polished since last week?'
2. 'Have you a clean hanky for First Aid in your pocket?'
3. 'Have you worn your Guide badge at all since last meeting or has it just been hanging up in the cupboard on your tie?'
4. 'Have you done your good turn today (if not you will have to keep a sharp look-out for one to do between now and bed-time!)?'
5. 'Did you clean your shoes this morning?'

S.B.

Twenty Questions

One member from each Patrol goes up to Captain and looks at a twig, leaf, flower or whatever is available. She has a thorough look, then goes back to her Patrol who each ask a question in turn until twenty questions have been asked. ('Is it smooth?' 'Is it an evergreen?'). The Guide who has 'observed' may only answer 'yes' or 'no' until the Patrol guesses. (Captain can chat while the Guides are observing to check up they know a little about the twig or leaf).

Compass

Equipment: Squared paper. A compass for checking (if required).

Mark a given spot on each piece of squared paper. Using this as a starting point, write out a list of 'Directions' for the player to follow e.g., 4 squares North, 2 squares East, 1 square S.E. etc. Work this out carefully beforehand, making an attractive shape, and making sure that your 'directions' will all fit on the paper provided.

Make a sample shape, and put in an envelope. Let the player—or players—have this at the end

to compare, and see that her 'shape' is as it should be.

Mapping

Number small cards in the bottom corner, and then on each one, draw a mapping sign. Write out the clues to these on a separate piece of paper, and put it in an envelope.

Give your Guide the cards, and let her write down what she thinks each sign represents. When she has completed the set, let her check her answers from those in the envelope.

Draw a map of an imaginary village. Provide some plasticine, coloured paper, sand, twigs etc., and let the Guides make a model village from the map given.

Tell a story of an imaginary hike or walk, and let your Patrols map out the route as you tell the tale!

J.P.

Toothbrush and the Germ

Tune: 'Boys and Girls come out to play'. Rather like 'cat and mouse.' Brownies form a circle (the 'mouth'), with one in the centre (the 'germ') and another outside the ring (the 'toothbrush'). The 'toothbrush' is allowed to come in and out of the ring but once the 'germ' is outside it must not be allowed in the 'mouth' again.

The circle of Brownies skip around, holding hands and singing:

Toothbrush chase the germ away,

Brownies use you every day,

Keep our teeth both clean and bright

And chase the germs each morn and night.

The toothbrush then chases the germ and as soon as it is caught two others are chosen to take their place.

D.H.

What's Missing?

This is a Kim's game played with flags. Each Six has a chair on which they place the three flags, three emblems, and names of the three Saints (9 cards in all). The Sixes pick up one card from their chair, and one member runs to the nearest Six. She tells them which card she thinks they have taken up and, if correct, is sent to Brown Owl in the centre of the room for a spill. First one, gets the spill. She returns to her own Six who replace the card and picks up another, and a different Brownie prepares to run.

This game can also be played with nature specimens e.g., acorn, cone, chestnut, beech leaf, etc. (each Six must have similar specimens). The Sixes should be given time before the game to revise the flags (or to memorise the nature specimens).

D.H.

Notes of the Month

'May We Introduce?'

The Ranger Branch are proposing to hold a series of talks during the autumn and winter of 1955-56, demonstrations and discussions on a variety of subjects by leading personalities under the title 'May we introduce?' These talks are intended for Rangers and their boy friends or, if they prefer, girl friends.

We are extremely fortunate in being able to meet for this series at Gresham College. When Sir Thomas Gresham (Founder of the Royal Exchange) died in 1575, he left his charming old house in Bishopsgate to his wife with the instructions that it should be an institute for free lectures 'for those who care to attend'. In 1843 the hall was moved to Gresham Street, and in 1912 to Basinghall Street, E.C.2, where it is now known as Gresham College. Although these talks can only concern Rangers living within a reasonable distance of London, we hope that such a scheme will develop throughout the counties and the three countries at equally historic and beautiful places.

Would you kindly make a note of the dates—the first Friday in the month from 7.30 to 8.45 p.m. Further details will be published later. 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December, 1955; 6th January and 3rd February, 1956, and a Saturday afternoon in March when we shall be visiting the Tate Gallery.

The Extension Swimmer Badge

There has recently been a request for a special Swimmer badge for Guides in extension or active companies who are physically handicapped. A new Extension badge has therefore been drawn up and it is hoped that many handicapped Guides will now be able to gain their Swimmer badge.

The syllabus has been drawn up in line with the active badge and has been tried out by handicapped swimmers. To prevent Guides getting over tired it has been decided that the whole of the Extension Swimmer badge need not be taken on the same day. The full syllabus will appear in the next series of alterations to P.O.R.

It will include swimming 25 yards, each in modified breast and back strokes; picking up an object from the bottom of the bath; floating; and making a head first entry into the water. Further information can be obtained from the Extension Secretary at I.H.Q.

A New Craft Centre?

The picture below shows half the magnificent long gallery at Gawthorpe Hall, near Burnley, Lancashire, which has been generously offered to the National Trust by Lord Shuttleworth, when a sufficient endowment can be raised to turn the house into a centre for the study and practice of all the arts.

In a recent letter to Lady Stratheden about the hope that Gawthorpe Hall will be turned into an art centre, Miss Kay-Shuttleworth writes: 'Though B-P himself was a sculptor and painter the craft side in Guiding has not been developed in the way it might have been. . . . Craftsmanship requires dedication, the co-ordination of your hand and brain. Indeed, I feel the importance of the fact that Our Lord himself trained as a craftsman in the carpenter shop has great significance.'

Whitsun Holiday

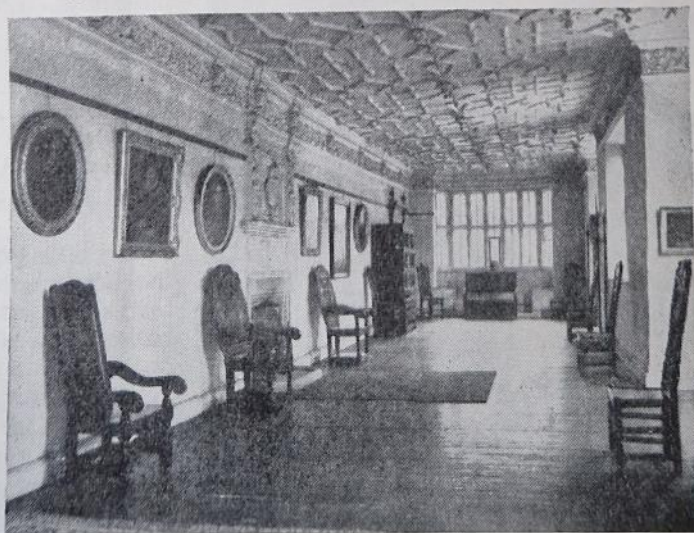
What are your plans? There is still room for you at Waddow from 27th to 31st May. Why not combine your holiday with training? This is one of the few week-ends in the year which gives Guiders time to explore the countryside.

County Trainings at Foxlease and Waddow

Counties wishing to have a county booking at Foxlease or Waddow in 1956 should apply to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department not later than 1st July, 1955.

For Air Ranger Guiders

Mrs. Webb, Air Ranger Adviser, I.H.Q., asks all Air Ranger Guiders to bear in mind that there are trainings for Ranger Guiders of all Sections at Foxlease from 9th to 13th September, and at Waddow from 7th to 11th October. Mrs. Webb will be the trainer at Waddow.



[By courtesy Tillotsons Newspapers Ltd., Burnley]

The Long Gallery at Gawthorpe Hall, near Burnley

A Round-the-World Glimpse

TO fly two-thirds of the way round the world and back would be exciting in any case, but when one travels as a Guide—greeted in quick succession by Guides and Girl Scouts in the United States, Hawaii, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, North Borneo, Brunei, Sarawak, Singapore and Malaya—one enjoys such a rich variety of experiences and hospitality and friendliness from so many people it is difficult to convey to others even a fraction of these impressions.

The international fellowship of Guiding and Girl Scouting is indeed a priceless gift, and if only people everywhere could be made to see what they miss by not belonging to this Movement of ours, we should have far more adult recruits than we could keep sufficiently occupied!

A Store of Pictures

After travelling all these miles, one comes home with a lovely store of pictures—Guides and Brownies meeting in such different circumstances and yet all having so many similar characteristics. There was the troop of Brownies meeting in New York on a bitterly cold day and all arriving at the wonderfully warm hall muffled up to the eyes because outside there were many degrees of frost. This was a Puerto Rican Pack and many of the Brownies had great difficulty in understanding English. Scouting will help these children, as it has already helped many whose families have recently come from other countries to slip easily into the life of their new community in the United States.

A number of recent immigrants are what is termed 'migrant workers' and particular atten-

tion has been paid by the Girl Scouts to the daughters of these people who have no settled home and undertake seasonal work in different States. When a girl who is a Scout arrives in a new town, instead of feeling lonely and without friends, she knows she has a card which she has been told to take to the local Girl Scout Troop. The Scouts accept it as a matter of special importance that they must see that this visitor does not feel an outsider but knows that she really belongs to the Scout family.

Naturally care of these 'migrant' Scouts is only a small, though important, part of the work of the United States, and I sometimes think that we in this country forget their immense numbers—over two million—and the diversity of problems which are brought before the national committees from their vast country with such widely different climates and conditions.

A World Association Trainer for Korea

Another picture I have is of a little group of Korean Senior Scouts in Pusan. South Korea, when I was there, still looked like part of London after the worst bombing raids, only far worse. Pusan was not bombed, but it did not escape destruction because it suffered a devastating fire and in the centre people were still living in large tents provided by the United States army.

The South Koreans have undaunted courage and all those whom I met were building cheerfully and with self sacrifice, in the face of great difficulties, a community of which they could be proud. Scouting has made an excellent start and is only prevented from spreading like wild-fire by the lack of adult leadership. However, it is hoped that a Trainer sent by the World Association will arrive shortly and help them in this respect.

The little group in Pusan met in the Leader's house overlooking the sea, a tiny home which the family had secured when they were driven out of Seoul. The Scouts only possessed three uniforms and these were worn in turn for special occasions! Here we sat on the floor for about two hours and, with the help of their Executive Secretary as interpreter, I told them about Guiding and Scouting in different



Mrs. Noguchi, Executive Secretary of Japanese Girl Scouts of Japan.



A Girl Scout Patrol repeat the Promise at a rally outside Seoul

e of Guiding by Helen McSwiney



President of the Girl Scouts of Japan, and Miss Helen McSwiney

parts of the world and discussed their programme with them.

Later we all went down to the shore and a collection of small children seemed to appear from nowhere and the Scouts organised various games for them. The favourite was cat and mouse! Before we parted we stood in a circle, recited the Promise and Law and sang Taps. Three Scouts took me back to my small hotel where we practised tying knots, bandages and anything I could teach in dumb show as they did not understand English and I certainly know no Korean!

In Hong Kong

Another small group I remember met in an Army Camp on a very hot evening in the New Territories in Hong Kong. Not many families had yet arrived at that camp and they are far away from the nearest town, but two mothers had been pressed into service as the Captain and Lieutenant. I had great pleasure in taking the company's first enrolment. Some of the girls had already been enrolled either in England or India. Isolated as they were, they, too, were particularly glad to hear about the activities of other Guides and Girl Scouts. Guiding is well established in Hong Kong and there is a high standard, which was shown at a rally held in honour of the visit of the Chief Scout.

The development of the movement among children who cannot speak English has been, and still is, hampered by the great shortage of Chinese, or Chinese speaking, Guiders. But recently the numbers in Chinese schools have increased and companies have been started in clubs.

The Government Social Welfare Department is mainly responsible for these clubs, which are run for children who live in desperately poor conditions and who have little or no family life. As yet, there cannot be free education for all, because an excessive increase in population due to the flow of refugees from China, a high birth rate and the world shortage of teachers, present immense education difficulties.

These clubs are very popular and there are long waiting lists. In them the children get a certain amount of character training, training in handicrafts and the 'three R's' and enjoy organised games. The almost complete lack of any previous moral training, either in their homes or elsewhere, was a problem to be faced when it was decided to form Guide Companies in connection with these clubs. It was realised that there would have to be a long training period before a company could be enrolled, if it was really to be founded on the Promise and the Laws, but both Guide and Club authorities saw what Guiding could do for these children and the obstacles were overcome.

Guiding can indeed open many doors for these children which would otherwise remain closed. I was given the great privilege of enrolling the members of the first club company and the sincerity with which each recruit made her Promises was most impressive.

From lovely but desperately over-crowded Hong Kong, I found myself in sparsely populated North Borneo. Here I realised with particular force the need for adapting the programme of Guiding to suit each country. As Mrs. Liddell pointed out in a recent article, the Founder designed Guiding to develop the needs of the national character, and while insisting on basic principles and maintaining our standards we know that adaptations must be made to fit local conditions.

(Miss McSwiney went on private visits to Honolulu and Singapore and while in the east she visited Girl Scouts in Korea for the World Association. Next month she writes about Guiding in Brunei, Sarawak, Singapore, Malaya and Hawaii.—ED.)

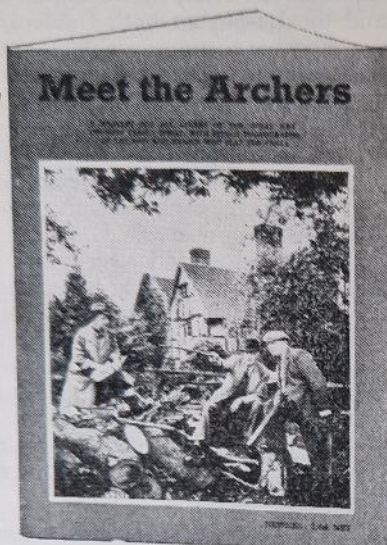


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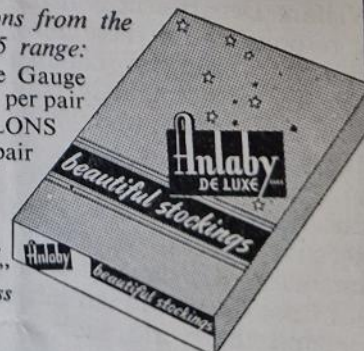
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The Guide Club Annual General Meeting

OVER sixty members attended the second annual general meeting of the Guide Club, on 31st March, 1955, at which the Hon. Lady Cochrane, C.B.E., took the chair. After according a very warm welcome to the Chief Guide the chairman said that the Club had continued to be widely used for meetings and conferences and to offer a temporary home in London to many overseas Guiders as well as those from Great Britain. She emphasised the need for more members and pointed out that membership is open to all those who have had a present or past connection with the movement, including members of the Local Association and Trefoil Guilds. In conclusion Lady Cochrane welcomed Miss Tuckwell as her successor and said she felt sure the Club would gain and prosper under her leadership and guidance.

In presenting the Financial Statement, the Hon. Treasurer said: 'I am glad to say that we have come out again "in the black" and that we have made a nett profit for the year ending last December of £346—and this is after paying £500 to the Leasehold Redemption Fund, which has now reached a total of £2,065. There was an initial loan from Headquarters of £9,000 and the Finance Committee are extremely pleased with the results of this year's work. . . . I know a good many clubs in London today who wish they could show a result in the black and not in the red.

'I am very concerned about membership subscriptions. The cost of the subscription in 1948 was two guineas a year. In 1952 it was raised for new members to three guineas, but we have never asked the old members to increase their subscriptions. Nearly all the other clubs in this country have increased their subscriptions in these last six years. We have not done so, and I am anxious not to raise the cost of beds or food. Could we ask those members who pay only two guineas if they would be inclined, voluntarily, to pay the extra guinea? We should entirely agree if some people felt they could not afford it, but many people just don't know that the subscription is now three guineas.' *(This suggestion was put to the vote and it was agreed to send a letter to all members now paying two guineas suggesting they might like to pay an extra guinea, voluntarily.)*

The Adoption of the Annual Report

In moving the adoption of the Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts, Miss McSwiney said: 'With the passing years the club is gaining all the time a tradition which we know and love so well, and which we find everywhere where there is a community of Guide folk. . . .

After giving a vivid picture of Guiding and Girl Scouting in Korea, Hong Kong and Borneo, Miss McSwiney thanked the chairman and committee for all the thought and work they give to the club and said: 'Our one regret is that so many Guiders are missing the privileges of the club's facilities and the joy of being in a Guide house'.

In seconding the adoption of the Report, Lady Monroe said: 'I want to associate myself very



The Hon. Lady Cochrane, C.B.E., welcomes the members from the Chair and (l. to r.) The Hon. Mrs. Sydney Marsham, D.B.E., Miss J. E. Elgar, C.B.E., Miss R. Tuckwell, J.P., and Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, G.B.E.

strongly with the question of tradition. There is a lot of it in Guiding and it is being built up here most wonderfully. . . . We are all different but we have the same outlook on life'.

Mrs. Turner moved the re-election of the Auditors (Messrs. Clugston, Selby and Robins), which was seconded by Miss Barber, who also proposed a sincere vote of thanks to Miss Robins for her personal interest in the finances of the club.

The Hon. Treasurer then called for a very warm vote of thanks for Lady Cochrane, Chairman of the club for the past year.

From the Chief Guide's Talk

In conclusion the Chief Guide said: 'We come to the club time and time again, always feeling that this is our Guide home, and we all wish that more people could come and have the joy and happiness of finding themselves at home in a really lovely Guide home. If this club were started only for Great Britain it would have done a great job, but it has done a lot for overseas visitors, too'. Lady Baden-Powell then told the members about some of the Guide houses in other parts of the world—'all with the same spirit as the Guide Club'.

Book Reviews

The Blue Triangle, by Julian Duguid (Hodder and Stoughton, 10s. 6d.). This book is not only a tribute to the Y.W.C.A. in its centenary year. In the short space of 200 pages it describes, in a vividly drawn picture, the social history of the last hundred years. To those working in our movement it is of absorbing interest to read of an older Society which began in a very small way and became a world-wide fellowship.

From 'a woman who prayed in Barnet', through two world wars to the 'emerging world woman', as represented by Mrs. Ba of Burma, taking her share of decisions at world level, this is an inspiring tale.

The Y.W.C.A. has never been afraid to take stock of a new situation and, where necessary, adapt itself to the changing needs of young women. After a hundred years of service to their welfare in all parts of the globe it is ready to use its rich and varied experience in promoting their further all-round development. In one thing the Association has never changed. It has always been, and intends to remain, firmly rooted in the Christian faith.

D.M.P.

It's Time for a Story (A book for Cubmasters), by J. B. Gearing (The Boy Scouts Association, 5s.). This little book is divided into three parts. First there is sound advice on how to become a successful storyteller. The author clarifies his statements by quoting the advice of very experienced storytellers. The second part consists of twenty-six short stories drawn from very good sources. Many are folk tales from different parts of the world and are varied enough to suit all tastes, meet all moods and fit any occasions. They are stories which cannot but delight both the Brownie Guider and the pack. Lastly, there are stories compiled to help the Cub Pack to see the ideals behind the Promise and Law and the proficiency badges. Obviously, this part of the book has been thought out with the intention of capturing the imagination of the young male mind. However, some of the stories can easily be adapted for use with Brownies.

B. H. GIBBON
(Brownie Adviser, I.H.Q.)

The Girl Guides Association Book of First Aid and Rescue Work, by I. H. Kay, 5s. The size and price of this book are small enough to be rather misleading, as one has to examine it to realize the wealth of information. There is a full summary of contents and an index which ensures that details will be quickly found.

It is a book primarily for members of the Guide Movement compiled by a Guider so that all tests that include any form of First Aid, rescue work or some Home nursing are dealt with under the test concerned. It is equally useful to non-Guides and everyone who feels any responsibility for being able to help in emergencies will welcome it. Not only is almost every conceivable form of accident and sudden illness dealt with, but one is also told how to make the patient comfortable when the first

treatment is over, and how to prepare simple meals. What not to do is as important as what to do and the writer says 'no' to the novice who isn't sure.

It is sometimes said that Guides—and that covers all branches of the movement—are content with a smattering of learning too many subjects and so know nothing thoroughly. As Alexander Pope said 'a little learning is a dangerous thing' and this is never more applicable than when dealing with First Aid. But our book, carefully studied, will turn 'a little learning' into real practical knowledge. *First Aid and Rescue Work* is a 'must' to all who instruct, study or test any such part of Guide training, for they will see the kind of standard we aim at, and what our tests include.

E.M.B.

France (Good Companion Guide No. 2), by W. F. Stiles and H. John Way (Nicholas Kaye, 3s. 6d.). This little book will be most useful in planning a vacation in France. It gives detailed information and approximate fares for trips by sea and air to various parts of France and many useful hints on travelling procedures. A brief summary of the tourist attractions in the various provinces, and a helpful explanation of French customs, currency, postal services and motoring regulations are also included. Cyclists and campers will find this book especially helpful.

A.B.

The Observer's Book of Mosses and Liverworts, by A. L. Jewell (Warne, 5s.). Here at last is a book which introduces mosses and liverworts to the non-specialist. There are good diagrams and simple text to help the Guider in naming the attractive but little known plants. English names are used with the botanical ones, thus bringing further knowledge of the group within the range of the younger Guide.

M.N.T.

Wasps and Aquaria, both by F. M. Haworth. Illustrated by H. J. Vanderplank (University of London Press, 2s. 6d. each). These first two of a new series are very attractively illustrated, and Dr. Haworth has evidently had much practical experience of studying wild life with children. I can especially recommend the former, but the latter makes the setting up of an aquarium seem more difficult than it is. The section on aquatic plants is very helpful, but certain small inaccuracies and omissions detract from the usefulness of the animal section.

J.G.

On Becoming a Teacher, by T. E. A. Verity. (University of London Press, 6s.) A very readable book, realistic and practical in its statement of the problems of the young teacher. It gives no information about means of training for the teaching profession, and would be of more value to the second-year student or the young teacher in her probationary year than to the school girl trying to decide on a career. It contains much sound common-sense advice based on true Christian principles.

D.A.G.

HELP

By R. Wakefield



ARE you a wise Brown Owl, or merely a little red hen? The little red hen, you may remember, had far too much to do, but when her friends ignored her plight she plodded on, and, as she tackled one job after another, "I'll do it myself," said the little red hen.

Surely the Brown Owl is far too wily a bird to be caught like that. Yet we do meet from time to time the Brownie Guider who staggers—quite literally—through life, with a toadstool under one arm, a portmanteau under the other, a torch in one hand and the key to the Parish Hall in the other.

Take Prunella, for instance. Time was when she belonged to the local tennis club and was the life and soul of the dramatic society. She enjoyed her occasional trips to town for a concert or a show. But that is all past. For a time her friends sought her out: now they have written her off. 'It's no use asking Prunella. She thinks of nothing but those Brownies of hers. Catch me getting tied up like that!'

Whatever happens, Prunella is playing a losing game. Well-meaning though she is, inevitably the time will come when she needs a break. Once she is conscious of this, yet fears that everything depends on her, she will begin to find her work irksome. Brownies are quick to sense this feeling, and Prunella will wonder why the Pack is becoming so much more difficult to run.

Perhaps she may be forced by unforeseen circumstances to resign. Then she either watches the thing which she has conscientiously built up collapse for lack of leadership or discovers that she is by no means indispensable, as someone else quietly takes on her job and the world continues to go round as merrily as ever.

'That is all very fine,' you say, 'but I feel sorry for Prunella. Where are all these willing helpers?'

First—if you have a Tawny, treat her as a precious jewel. Apart from the minimum age limit, a warranted Tawny has the same qualifications as a Brown Owl, yet far too many Tawnies lose interest and give up because they feel that the very efficient Prunellas of this life do not need them. Do plan your programmes together, and see that Tawny has such a responsible part that

she cannot possibly imagine that the Pack could do without her.

Whether there is a Tawny or not, a Pack Leader is a wonderful help. Most Companies have a Guide who is delighted to help with the Pack, and often it is easier for a girl still at school to attend early evening Pack meetings than for an adult. One of the difficulties of managing a Pack singlehanded is that of giving Brownies at various stages a fair share of help with test work. Here Pack Leaders are invaluable, and though such parts as the Law and Promise should be explained to Brownies by Brown Owl or Tawny, most of the other test work can be taught by Pack Leaders. Apart from this, Brownies with a friendly Pack Leader, who tells them about Company events, long for the day when they can go with her to Guides.

Do remember, too, that your District Commissioner is there to help you, and had far rather learn of your difficulties than have you flounder on alone. Some Commissioners hesitate to visit a Pack when they have not been asked, lest they should appear to be 'snooping', but how are they to know what is happening if you rarely invite them to see the Brownies, or only ask them on occasions when the Pack is groomed for a display?

Local Association members, especially those who are parents of Brownies, like to take a share in the Pack's activities. When necessary, they will find testers, and often a member will let a Brownie take such tests as washing up or fire lighting at her house. When there is dressing-up for plays to be arranged, catering for a party, or equipment for a Pack Holiday to be provided, call in your Local Association. Ask the members, too, to collect left-over materials suitable for handcrafts.

Have you a Trefoil Guild in your district? Its members are pledged to support Guiding where they can, and although they may not have much time to spare many of them will be interested in the Pack and give occasional help. It is good, for example, to know of someone who will come to the rescue if Brown Owl or Tawny is prevented by illness from being at the Pack Meeting.

Do not imagine that Brown Owl alone must produce all the equipment she would like her Pack to have. Much—far more than is usual—can be made by the Brownies themselves, and they will value it more when they have had a hand in the making. But if you need something too difficult for the Pack to make, have you thought of consulting your Guide or Ranger Captain?

If you never ask for help, people will assume that you do not need it. Take warning from Prunella and, when friends say sweetly: 'Of course, you like doing this sort of work, don't you?' be sure that you have no need to feel a bitter sting of resentment or self-pity, but can answer honestly and with a light heart: 'Yes, I enjoy myself thoroughly.'

The Executive Committee of the Council

A Report of Business dealt with during January and March, 1955

General Business

Congratulations were offered at the January meeting to six people connected with the movement who had received honours in the New Year Honours list.

Among reports received were those concerning the progress of the scheme for the recruitment of young Guiders; arrangements for the laying of a wreath, with the Boy Scouts Association, on the Founder's Memorial on 22nd February; Census figures for 1953/54; and a report from the Boy Scouts Association on I.H.Q. titles.

Plans for the annual meeting were discussed, including a report from the Nominations Committee, and nominations for the Executive Committee.

Business from the Trefoil Guild included recommendations for warrants for County Recorders, and new Guild Registration certificates. The Constitution of the Joint National Committee of the B-P Guild and Trefoil Guild was submitted.

Suggestions were considered for celebrating the Founder's Centenary, and the plan to be forwarded to the World Bureau was agreed.

Legal business included reports on the Leicester Corporation Bill and the Baddesley Trust Judgement, the implications of which were being investigated.

Opinions of all committees were received regarding pooled fares for conferences and it was agreed this should be continued for a further experimental period of one year.

Awards and appointments and resignations, as listed in previous Guiders and elsewhere in this issue, were approved.

Recommendations were received regarding Guide and Ranger badge tests.

A report was received on the progress of Ranger Festival plans and on the experimental plan for Ranger lectures.

Overseas and International Affairs

At each meeting news was received of the Chief Commissioner's tour of Kenya, South Africa, Basutoland and Bechuanaland, and of the Overseas Commissioner's tour of South Africa, Northern and Southern Rhodesia.

Suggestions to be made to the World Bureau for the World Camp in 1957 were discussed.

An invitation was received from the Princess Elizabeth Birthday Fund to nominate for the selection of two to visit Southern Rhodesia.

Approval was given to the action of sending an immediate gift of £50 to the State Commissioner for New South Wales from the Flood Relief Fund, on receipt of news of the flood disaster.

News was reported from South Australia, Tasmania, Western Australia, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Antigua, Fiji, Kenya, Northern Rhodesia, St. Helena, India, New Zealand, Swaziland, Bahrein, Brunei, Grenada and Jamaica.

Amendments to the Constitutions for Uganda and Tanganyika were signed and sealed.

An *Ad Hoc* Committee was set up to consider the problems of training overseas.

A report was given of invitations received for 1955, and of arrangements made for providing accommodation in London in August for foreign Guide visitors.

Details were given of the International Commissioners' Conference at Our Chalet in September, and delegates were appointed to the Quo Vadis Conference, International Commissioners' Conference, and International Training for Extension Guiders.

Finance

A financial and trading report was presented at each meeting.

Notification was received from the King George's Jubilee Trust of grants to the Association for 1955, and recommendations from the Grants Committee for allocation were accepted.

Permission was given for the signing and sealing of financial documents.

A report and draft memorandum for circulation to County Commissioners was received from the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the subject of a Biscuit Scheme or alternative methods of raising money for the Endowment Fund, and at the March meeting it was reported that the papers circulated to County Commissioners had been issued for all Commissioners.

Training

Approval was given for the renewal of the Hindleap Warren lease.

Recommendations concerning uniform were considered, including the wearing of badges of kindred societies, badges awarded by Church authorities and Commissioners' lapel badges.

Details were received of progress of plans for utilising the King George VI Memorial Foundation grant for leadership training, including the mobile training van.

A report was received on items from the Chief Commissioners' Conference which had been referred to the Training Department.

The award of diplomas, as published separately, were agreed, and exchange of trainers with other countries discussed.

Revised charges for the cottage at Waddow were agreed.

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There's So Much to See!

By Beryl Langham



THE most exciting time in the bird watching year in the South of England is the first part of May and up to a month later in Scotland. The greater part of the spring migration is taking place and we may see all sorts of surprise birds passing by. Earlier migrants and the residents are either nest-building or rearing their families.

It is rather fun to puzzle out whether birds are mating, building nests, or feeding their young. Guides will be amused by their courting habits and the way in which a cock bird may try to steal someone else's hen. The cock sings to attract his mate, and to proclaim his rights over the territory he has chosen as hunting ground to provide food for his family. Robins are notoriously territory-minded, and are even more exclusive in the spring when they pair. Woe betide any robin who invades another's territory!

'Freezing' Hints

When on building and feeding operations birds are more secretive and cautious than usual. Although they continually fly backwards and forwards to the same spot, it is the kind of material the bird carries in its beak that gives the game away.

Watchers should be careful to sit well away from nests, out of sight, and keep still. Birds will stay away from their young for hours at a time or even desert them if they think an 'enemy' is about. Sudden jerky movements, particularly of bare hands, scare birds as much as noise.

It doesn't matter about knowing the names of birds at first. If interest is kindled by observation, desire for knowledge and books will follow.

Do town Guides know that on the roofs of their houses sparrows have 'enemy watchers' who give the alarm when the neighbour's cat is on the move, so that fellow sparrows feeding on the ground can beat a hasty retreat?

Guides by sea or mudflats will get the best views if they get hidden about an hour or so before high tide. The tide brings the feeding birds right up the shore and, provided they are not disturbed, they seem loathe to leave the last bits of uncovered mud or shingle.

As shore birds are usually rather far off it is important to learn their shape, size, and to note length of beak and the colour of legs where possible. For instance the common gull is the only gull with green legs.

Reference Books

Bird books with coloured plates are the most helpful. For an inexpensive book with information Coward's *Birds of the Wayside and Woodland* is excellent. For identification and location there is nothing to beat *The Field Guide to the Birds of Britain and Europe*, by Peterson, Mountford and Hollom, but this is 25s. The James Fisher series on *Bird Recognition*, at 3s. 6d. a volume, is illustrated in black and white and is very informative.

The Executive Committee Report

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Public Relations

Reports were received on G.F.S. Guide units, and from the World Assembly of Youth, and Standing Conference of National Voluntary Youth Organisations.

It was agreed to accept an invitation from the Royal Society of St. George to take part in a St. George's Day parade.

A change of date for the Local Association Conference from 16th November, 1955, to 1st February, 1956, was agreed.

Publications

A suggested abbreviated edition of the *Register of Commissioners* was discussed, but a decision was deferred for further consultations.

Approval was given for the publication of various books and cards.

First Aid in Camp (Continued from page 138)

at ankle, knee and hip and move 'in one piece' to a place of safety. If an arm is fractured, simply support in the appropriate sling, and in all cases of fracture, as shock is often severe, keep the patient warm by covering and hot drinks.

If a camper from any cause receives a severe blow on the head she should be kept quiet and resting for 12-24 hours. This simple precaution will often prevent the recurrent headaches which can be an unpleasant sequel to such accidents.

In minor cases your own treatment will probably be all that is required. In more severe conditions, when you have, for example, stopped hæmorrhage, restored suspended respiration, supported a fractured limb or eased a pain-racked body, you can hand over responsibility for further treatment to the doctor, knowing that your ministrations have played their part in promoting the patient's complete recovery.

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My Visit to South Africa

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bit of comedy acting and buffoonery when arguing about the lobula, or price in cattle, to be paid for the bride.

Loveliest of all were the occasions when it was possible for all the Guides to join together in a rally, or when I could meet all Guiders together, but even when this was not possible we held our sister Guides in our thoughts and friendship.

Everywhere I went my kind Guide hosts arranged for me to see something that was typical of their country or would help me to understand it. I saw very many African locations, both good and bad, and many new housing schemes. I was impressed by the number of new houses and clinics and welfare centres for the Africans.

I saw a little of the wonderful work which is being done by very many Missions—from which African women go out equipped with knowledge of hygiene and home-craft to raise their standard of life and thought wherever they are.

I saw many interesting buildings from the Dutch Colonial architecture of the old Cape houses, the stately buildings of Sir Herbert Baker, to the modern architecture which looks so well in this sunny land, and an example of which is the delightful Guide Hall in Pretoria. I was greatly impressed by the many Guide centres I saw, both Headquarters and halls, and camping grounds. I think South Africa has been both forward-looking and fortunate in this direction and has planned wisely and well.

Happy memories come flooding into my mind—from bird watching by a lake near Mafeking, and seeing some of the most remarkable botanical gardens in the world, to the coloured slides of rare plants and flowers from the mountains of Basutoland (sent for me to see by Mrs. Jacot Guillamod), and the glorious sprays and bouquets of flowers which I found adorning my room wherever I went.

I have eaten melch tarte and cook's sisters and—oh! joyful to remember—I've been to a *braai*. Do you know what a *braai* is? No, I thought not! Nor did I. It's really a supper party, only held out of doors and you grill your chops and sausages, etc., over a wood fire in the balmy night air under the stars.

These are only some of the delights which were crammed into four thrilling weeks and everywhere, although she could not be there herself in person as it was the fruit-packing season, I was led by the hand by Miss Grant, the Chief Commissioner of South Africa, who kept in constant touch with all my doings.

South Africa is a wonderful and most beautiful country—nothing about it is small, nor are its problems. It is not everywhere that one feels so convinced that Scouting and Guiding could be the foundation for an answer to every major problem, but I certainly felt so convinced in South Africa. I felt sure, too, that the Guide people there, headed by their Chief Commissioner, have seen the vision of what could be, and that Guiding will play its part in making this dream come true.

The GUIDER

A Sunbeam's Courage

DIGAWANA is a village in the big Bangwaketse Reserve, Bechuanaland, and the mud walls of the huts, or rondavels, are built by the women and the roofs thatched by the men. There are usually several rondavels belonging to a family in one kraal and the doorways and walls are often beautifully decorated with clays of different colours. African goats wander among the scrub acacia thorns and the oxen graze on the dry Kalahari grass.

It was against this background one sultry Sunday that the incident took place which won a Sunbeam a Silver Cross, 'the highest award for gallantry . . . where great risk of life has been faced.' Gadebolae Ketswantwa was in her hut with her five sisters when lightning struck it and it immediately burst into flames. Gadebolae rushed out with the baby she was holding and her twin sister, who was shocked, and burnt on the face, managed to stagger out unaided. Her eldest sister was thrown out of the hut unconscious, her legs burnt.

The two younger sisters were not awakened by the thunder so remained inside, but Gadebolae and her twin sister were too dazed to realise this immediately. The flames increased, and the people who were watching were too afraid to brave the fire and rescue the children. By this time the blazing thatch was falling inside the hut, but Gadebolae, now realising two of her sisters were inside, dashed into the flames, woke the children and dragged them out, almost unhurt.

To enter a hut which had been struck by lightning was in itself an action of great courage, because lightning is regarded as the weapon by which the witch doctor strikes down his victims. To brave the inferno of flames in addition required courage of the highest order.

THE GUIDE IN MAY

THE THINKING DAY Competition brought in an extraordinarily good and numerous entry, in which both initiative and great care were shown. Interest in international Guiding is obviously keen, and there will be an Empire Day Competition.

Practical training articles will include: Badge-work Alphabet; Stalking and three other Second Class instalments in Miss A. M. Maynard's 'Just How' series; 'Patrol Time,' by Mervyn Newnham, which helps both P.L. and Guides to make the best of the patrol system; the continuation of 'Patrol Nature Log-Book,' by Jean Gorvett; 'Your First Camp' and 'Your Camp Kit List,' by N. Mackintosh; 'Camping in the First Class Test,' by J. M. Cozens.

The Chief Guide's letter appears weekly, and photography articles continue to give practical and interesting advice, as do the monthly Nature Strip, Gardening and Stamp Collecting articles.

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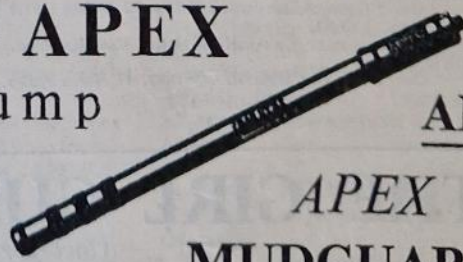
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F. D. HALL, 9 Beetwell Street.
CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
H. PENNEY & CO., 60 East Street.
CHORLEY, LANCs.
THE CHORLEY SCOUT SHOP, 85 Market Street.
COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE COLCHESTER SCOUT & GUIDE SHOP.
(E. J. Markham & Son Ltd.), 121-123 Priory Street.
COVENTRY, WARWICKs.
THE GUIDES OWN SHOP, 11 Primrose Hill Street.
CROYDON, SURREY.
C. HEWITT & SON, 45-49 Church Street.
DARTMOUTH, DEVON.
FAIRFAX SPORTS, 5 Newcomen Road.
DERBY.
SCOUT SHOP, Baden Powell House, 72 Wilson Street.
DOUGLAS, I.O.M.
TRADING POST, Cunningham House, Circular Road.
DURHAM.
GUIDE & SCOUT EQUIPMENT STORE, 47 North Bailey.

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HERBERT J. GRAY, 16-17 Bridge Street.
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BAILEYS, The Parade.
FLEETWOOD, LANCs.
THE SPORTS SHOP, 80 Poulton Road.
FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MESSRS. NEWMAN & ROBINSON, 44 High Street.
FOREST HILL, LONDON.
D. W. BROOKE, 45 Dartmouth Road.
GOSPORT, HANTS.
H. TURNER, 85 Forton Road.
GRAVESEND, KENT.
NOTTONS, Facing the Clock Tower.
GRAYS, ESSEX.
FRANK WEST LTD., 74 High Street.
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A. H. BROADBRIDGE, 28 Sussex Road.
HOUSLOW, MIDDLESEX.
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BRADSHAW'S, 107-109 Regent Street.
LEICESTER.
MRS. DEIGHTON, 132 Regent Road.
LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN SCOUT SHOP, The "Glory Hole."
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IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS

The minimum age for prospective Guiders attending all residential training is seventeen and a half years.

TRAINING BURSARIES AVAILABLE

Fee Bursaries, 1955: This entitles a Guider to attend Foxlease, Waddow, or M.T.B. at half-rate.

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

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

FOXLEASE

- May
6-10 Outdoor Activities
13-17 Buckinghamshire
20-24 Guide and Brownie Guiders
27-6 June. Guide and Brownie Guiders at week-ends. Holiday mid-week
- June
10-12 London N.W.
17-21 Guide and Brownie Guiders
24-1 July. Northamptonshire
- July
5-12 Commissioners, Guide and Brownie Guiders (Guiders may bring children under five)
15-22 Holiday period with training at week-end for those who wish (Guiders may bring their mothers)
26-2 Aug. General (i) Refresher (ii) Elementary
- August
†5-15 Patrol Leaders
30-6 Sept. Guide and Brownie Guiders
- September
9-13 Ranger Guiders (all Sections)
16-23 Rangers
27-4 Oct. Winter Camp Training and outdoor activities
- October
7-11 Guide and Brownie Guiders
14-18 Wiltshire

May, 1955

Where to Train



- 21-25 Guide Guiders. Emphasis on First Class
28-1 Nov. Guide and Brownie Guiders

November

- 4-8 Guide and Brownie Guiders
11-15 First Class Testers (England)
18-22 Commissioners
25-29 Guide and Brownie Guiders

WADDOW

May

- 6-10 Lincolnshire
10-13 Commissioners
13-17 N.W. Lancs
20-24 Commissioners, Guide and Brownie Guiders
27-31 General Training and holiday

June

- 24-27 Staffordshire

July

- 26-5 Aug. King George VI Memorial Course

August

- †8-17 Patrol Leaders
20-26 Rangers, Training and holiday
30-6 Sept. Guide and Brownie Guiders (Guiders may bring their mothers)

September

- 9-13 Yorkshire Central
13-20 Extension Guiders
23-25 Yorkshire W.R.N.W.
30-4 Oct. Guide and Brownie Guiders

October

- 7-11 Ranger Guiders (all Sections)
14-18 Guide and Brownie Guiders
21-25 Brownie Guiders
28-1 Nov. Guide and Brownie Guiders

November

- 18-22 Guide and Brownie Guiders
25-29 Music and Drama

December

- 2-6 First Class Testers (England)

† Guiders are reminded that only two P.L.s (13½-15½) from each company can be accepted.

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. 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.)

Clitheroe, Lancs. (Where there is more than one type of training please state for which group you wish to apply.)

M.T.B.

- 28-21 May. Guiders (Fitting Out)
June
4-7 Commissioners and Sea Ranger Guiders (Trainees may stay on to the 10th on holiday)

July

- 30-6 August. Guiders

August

- 13-20 Guiders (Sailing opportunities)

September

- 3-10 Guiders (Sailing opportunities)

(See THE RANGER for Sea Ranger trainings.)

Fees: £3 5s. per week. All applications should be made to Miss V. Lees, 6 Middleton Hall, Torquay, enclosing a deposit of 10s. and a stamped addressed envelope.

I.H.Q. CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

A Conference in Camp will be held at Foxlease from 19th-26th August, 1955, open to Cadets from England, Scotland, Ulster and Wales, and it is also hoped to have visitors from Overseas. As numbers are restricted it is regretted that only two places can be allocated to each English county, although additional names will be accepted on a waiting list. Applications: Scotland, Ulster and Wales to the Cadet Adviser for the country. England, through counties, to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department. (Applications forms have been circulated with the March 'County Commissioners' Bulletin.)

Trainings in the Autumn at Imperial Headquarters: There will be a Handcraft Training on 22nd and 23rd October with a special emphasis on articles for sales of work, and a Music and Drama Training from 4th-6th November. Further details of these trainings will be published later.

SCOTLAND Netherurd

May

- *6-9 Roxburghshire and Berwickshire
13-16 Guide and Brownie Guiders
20-23 Ranger Adventure Week-end
27-30 Commissioners' Training

June

- *3-6 Glasgow N.E.
- 10-13 Handcraft Circle
- 17-20 Camp Fire Training

July

- 8-12 Patrol Leaders (Open)
- 15-19 Patrol Leaders (Open)

August

- 2-9 Patrol Leaders' Camp
- 12-19 Patrol Leaders' Representative Training
- 23-30 Commonwealth and International Week (Edinburgh Festival)

September

- 9-12 Guide and Brownie Guiders (places reserved for Stirlingshire)
- *16-19 Ayrshire and Bute
- *23-26 Renfrewshire
- 30-3 October. Guide and Brownie Guiders (places reserved for Dumfriesshire)

October

- 7-10 Extensions
- *14-17 East Lothian
- 21-24 Guide and Brownie Guiders (including Pre-warrant)
- *28-31 Perthshire and Angus

* 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

May

- 6-8 Warranted Guide Guiders—Refresher Course
- 26-31 Patrol Leaders

June

- 10-12 Brownie Guiders' Refresher Course
- 23-2 July. General Training

July

- 4-14 Extensions Holiday
- 22-29 Patrol Leaders

August

- 4-11 Patrol Leaders
- 19-22 Guide Guiders
- 23-30 Patrol Leaders. Cardiff and East Glamorgan

September

Broneirion closed

October

- 7-9 Cardiff and East Glamorgan
- 14-16 Shropshire
- 28-30 Welsh Trainers

November

- 4-6 Ranger Adventure Camp

November

- 25-27 Guide Guiders

December

- 9-11 Camp Advisers Meeting

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

ULSTER

Lorne

May

- 13-15 East Belfast
- 20-23 Pack Leaders
- 27-30 Guide Guiders

June

- 3-5 Ranger Guiders
- 10-12 Trefoil Guild

Fees: 8s. 3d. per day. Applications for training at Lorne to Guider-in-Charge, Craigavad, Co. Down, enclosing a deposit of 5s. At County week-ends there may be a certain number of places for Guiders from other areas, and any Guider may apply for a place at these trainings.

Lorne as a Holiday Centre. Lorne is open for holiday bookings during July and August. It makes an excellent centre within easy reach of the sea, country or town and there are many pleasant and interesting excursions, possibly by coach. Patrol duties are kept to a minimum; uniform need not be brought; packed meals can be produced, or 2s. 6d. deducted from the bill if out for main meal.

Fees are 12s. 6d. per day, unless one of a party of ten or more when the fee is reduced to 10s. a day. The boat trip is by night from Liverpool, Heysham, Glasgow or Stranraer; party tickets are available, but these should be applied for in very good time. Applications should be sent to the Guider-in-Charge, Lorne, Craigavad, Co. Down, Ulster, with 5s. deposit.

Lorne Camp Sites. There are two fully equipped sites at Lorne. The charge is 30s. for an equipped site per week, with extra for hiring of tents and groundsheets. For further particulars apply to the Guider-in-Charge, Lorne, Craigavad, Co. Down, Ulster.

CAMPING AND HOLIDAYS

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

Pack Holiday House, Waddow. Applications for the Pack Holiday House should be made to the Guider-in-Charge, Waddow. The House is available for Guides, Rangers and Cadets with their Guiders between September and April inclusive, though preference will always be given to packs.

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

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

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

Hindleap Warren, Forest Row, East Grinstead. Details of these unequipped sites from Miss Swan, Ballards, Forest Row, Sussex.

A CORRECTION

SINCE WRITING the article on 'Red and Green First Class,' published in the March GUIDER on pages 74-75, Miss Branson, Guide Adviser, I.H.Q., has been informed that although the suggested alternative to swimming—of riding and caring for a horse—was made by Basutoland (South African Guide Association) some time ago it has not yet been put into force—and is only a suggestion.



Did you read between the lines? The real name of Mrs. Ilthbutt (who made her bow in the April 'Guider') is 'I'd-love-to-help-but . . .'

The GUIDER

Headquarters' Notices

COMING EVENTS

The Empire Circle: The Empire Day Party will be held at Headquarters on Wednesday, 25th May, at 6.30 p.m. Lady Gibbs, The Chief Commissioner for Overseas, will speak on her African tour.

Members are reminded of the **Bring and Buy Stall** which will be held at every Empire Circle Party. Gifts of any kind will be gratefully accepted either at the party or beforehand.

A Retreat for Church of England Guiders: The Church of England Youth Council has arranged a Retreat for Church of England Guiders at the Retreat House, Catherington, Horndean, Hampshire from 30th September to 2nd October, 1955. **Conductor:** The Rev. M. S. Wheatley, Youth and Education Secretary of the S.P.G. The fee is 30s. which includes a booking fee of 2s. 6d. (not returnable). Bookings and programme from Miss H. A. Toft, Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

IN MEMORIAM

Beth Card's many friends were horrified to hear of her tragic death on 6th April, the result of an accident when her clothing caught alight on a gas fire. She had been District Commissioner for Earl's Court, London North West, since 1941 and was a warm-hearted and sympathetic friend to all in her District and to many in a wider world, for she was an enthusiast in the international field. Thinking Day was a great event in her District; always there was a lively party with guests from a number of other countries. This year's celebration was notable for a link with the Bahamas, when a company of Guides there, whose captain had been working in Earls Court, performed the same ceremony as the London Guides. Guiding with Beth was always fun for she had the gift of enjoying everything to the full. It was characteristic of her to comment on a camp: 'It never stopped raining and a cow broke into the store tent, but we laughed a lot'. The tradition that she built up of fun through Guiding will surely last as long as she is remembered by her friends in Kensington Division.

Helen Nelson, who died on 27th March, 1955, was Tawny Owl of the 1st Auchinloch Pack, Dunbartonshire. She had spent nearly all the past eight years in hospitals where her patience and cheerfulness were an inspiration to all who knew her. Her love of Guiding, especially of her pack, were always with her, and she was much loved by all.

AWARDS

Good Service

Beaver: Miss E. K. Parker, County Commissioner, Devon.

Medal of Merit: Mrs. E. H. Baker, Captain, 6th Taunton (Holy Trinity) Company, Somerset. Miss E. H. Gandy, lately County Secretary, Cheshire. Miss D. M. MacKeith, lately Division Commissioner, Eastleigh, Hampshire. Miss D. M. Meakin, lately Assistant County Secretary, Leicestershire. Miss K. Parr, lately Division Commissioner Leicester West, Leicestershire. Miss W. Q. Roberts, Assistant County

Secretary (Registrations) Cheshire. Miss Patricia Smith, Commissioner for Gibraltar. Mrs. M. F. Wolsey, District Commissioner, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire. Miss W. Wood, lately Division Commissioner, Middlesex East. Mrs. L. P. Woodward, Dorset. Miss Helen M. F. Wright, Assistant Commissioner, Yorkshire, East Riding.

Certificate of Merit: Miss M. Scott, District Commissioner Central District, Perth City, Perth. Miss J. Thornton-Duerbery, Captain 1st Kirk Maughold Company, Isle of Man.

Gallantry

Gilt Cross: Jean Dawson, aged 10 years, Sixer 1st Nauru Pack, Kenya. On the night of 15th August, 1954, the labour lines of the farm of which Jean's father is manager were attacked by a gang of terrorists; the headman was shot and wounded and a hut set on fire. The headman was taken to Mr. Dawson's house, bleeding badly, and was attended to by Jean, whilst her father was shooting at the gang. While Security Forces were on the way, Jean gave the police a detailed report of the attack on the telephone and passed on their orders to her father until help arrived. The wounded Kikuyu, although not fatally hurt, was in an extremely agitated condition and Jean (whose mother was in hospital at the time), had a very difficult case on her hands. The police commend Jean on her courageous behaviour throughout the action.

Fortitude

Badge of Fortitude: Annice Parr, aged 14 years, Patrol Second, 1st Broughton-in-Furness Company, Lancashire, N.W. Annice has suffered from rheumatoid arthritis since the age of 4, and has spent several years in hospital, during which time she was unable to move at all. Now that she is able to move about in calipers (in spite of all her joints being stiff), she makes every effort to do everything for herself and to help others. She is always bright, cheerful and uncomplaining despite her disability.

Certificate of Merit: Joyce Balshaw, aged 11 years, Brownie, 207th Anfield Pack, Lancashire, S.W. Joan Pointon, aged 12 years, Guide, 5th Congleton Company, Chester, Cheshire. Sheila Ward, aged 9 years, Brownie, 1st Saham Toney Pack, Norfolk.

Training

Guide Training Diploma: Miss T. Maclean, S.W. Lancashire.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Appointments

The Countess of Clarendon, Honorary President, Empire Circle. Miss Barker, Restaurant Manageress, I.H.Q. Mrs. Colin Cadell, Commonwealth and International Adviser for Scotland. Miss R. Tuckwell, Chairman, Guide Club Committee.

Resignations

Mrs. Hewer, Commissioner for Bahrein. Mrs. Borg Dingli, Commissioner for Malta. Miss Kerr, Commonwealth and International Adviser for Ulster. The Hon. Lady Cochrane, C.B.E., Chairman, Guide Club Committee.

Classified Advertisements

The Girl Guides Association takes no responsibility for statements contained in any advertisement, nor for any subsequent correspondence in connection therewith. The right is also reserved to refuse any advertisement not considered suitable. Advertisements for the sale of clothing cannot be accepted. Charge 2s. per line, personal; 4s. per line, Trade; 1s. 3d. for Box Number. Advertisements must be received by the 1st of the month for insertion in the next issue.

EMPLOYMENT OFFERED

Social Work.—Residential posts in Homes for difficult school-age girls, and in Homes for young unmarried mothers and their babies. Interesting and varied work, willingness to serve others essential.—Write for full particulars to **Church of England Moral Welfare Council**, 251 Church House, Dean's Yard, London, S.W.1.

Hounslow Hospital, Staines Road, Middlesex (General acute).—Pupils accepted for two years' training for roll of assistant nurses. Hospital with good residential accommodation near London. Interested candidates may visit the hospital by appointment with the matron, to whom applications should be addressed.

Longfords School, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Glos.—This approved school, Intermediate, for girls 14-16, requires a **Resident House Mistress**. The duties comprise: organisation of girls' leisure time, viz., games, indoor and outdoor, hobbies, singing, dancing, etc. A knowledge of First Aid or Home Nursing useful. The school is well placed for those appreciating the country, yet near enough to Gloucester and Cheltenham by bus. London two hours by train. Salary according wage on Home Office Scale.—Further details from Head Mistress.

United Ipswich Hospitals Training School for Nurses.—Joint training for male and female nurses (636 beds). (East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital) (Borough General Hospital, Ipswich): Candidates are accepted for 3½ years' joint training at the above school. The preliminary course commences at the beginning of January, May and September each year. Study day system of training now in operation. Wide range of practical nursing experience available. Usual training allowances given.—For full particulars, apply to Matron of either Hospital.

HEADQUARTERS VACANCIES

Membership of the Movement is always an advantage to applicants for posts at Headquarters.

International Department.—Shorthand/typist. Interesting work and contacts. Apply Secretary International Department, stating age and experience.

Equipment Department.—Applications for the following to the Equipment Secretary in writing giving full details:

Sales and Mail Order Department: Shorthand/typists, senior and junior; Clerk; Invoice clerk/typists—experienced.

Despatch Department: Junior clerk.

Stock Room: Junior stock-keeper clerk, age 15/16 years. **Stock-keeper clerk**—Camp Equipment. **Stock-keeper clerk**—General Equipment.

Headquarters' Shop: Experienced Saleswoman. Junior Saleswoman, age 15 years.

Birmingham Branch Shop: Junior Saleswoman, age 15/16 years.

Liverpool Branch Shop: Experienced Saleswoman, age 18/25 years.

Cardiff Branch Shop: Experienced Saleswoman, age 18/25 years.

Wood Green Branch Shop: Manageress.

Finance Department.—Ledger Clerk, age 20/25 years.

Mail Order Clerk. Apply Financial Secretary, stating age, experience and salary required.

General Office.—Postal and Filing clerk, knowledge of switchboard and/or duplicator useful but not essential. Apply Deputy General Secretary.

Public Relations Department.—Experienced shorthand/typist, speeds 100/50, good knowledge of Movement, departmental work varied and interesting. Salary according to qualifications.

Part-time office assistant, mornings only, varied interesting work.—Apply Public Relations Secretary.

Training Department.—Experienced Shorthand Typist.

THE WORLD BUREAU

Typist for General Office required by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Some knowledge of shorthand and membership of the Guide Movement advantages. Interesting international work. Salary according to experience.—Apply to the Director, World Bureau, 9 Palace Street, London, S.W.1.

THE TREFOIL GUILD

Secretarial Assistant, with typing, book-keeping, required.—Apply by letter to Trefoil Guild Office, 46 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

ACCOMMODATION OFFERED

Balmer Lawn House, Brockenhurst, Hants, Tel. Brockenhurst 3108.—The New Forest is a delightful

centre for holidays; walking, riding, golf, bird-watching, sightseeing or just relaxing.—Apply Miss Sandy, as above.

12 Hans Road, London, S.W.3 (KENSington 5951).—Adeline Willis (formerly Warden of 'Our Ark') particularly welcomes Guiders and their families in her hotel at the above address. Ten minutes from Victoria, and ideally situated for easy sight-seeing and shopping. Rooms (some with private bath) and breakfast from 17s. 6d. to 25s. Dinner by arrangement. Special weekly terms.

Blakedene, Lilliput, Dorset.—Comfortable old house in own grounds. Close to Poole Harbour. Easy reach Bournemouth and Dorset coast. Brochure.—Rosamond Douglas and Janet Foster.

Bungalow Guest House.—Open all year, run by ex-Guider. Two minutes harbour, sea, Swanage Ferry and buses. Terms moderate. Ideal surroundings and magnificent view from grounds.—Summerhill, Banks Road, Sandbanks, Bournemouth.

Penally, near Tenby and the sea.—Garden chalet to let furnished, everything provided for two, except linen. 4 gns. weekly. August £5 5s., plus 5s. Calor gas.—Mrs. Bury, 5 Kenystyle, Penally, Tenby, S. Wales.

Holiday Accommodation, Eastbourne.—Bed, breakfast and evening meal, or full board; 3 mins. sea.—Apply Mrs. W. Jebb or Miss E. Cox, Alex House, 8 Willowfield Road, Eastbourne, Sussex.

FOR SALE

250 Scent Cards, 17s. 6d.; 1,000, 52s. 6d. Concert tickets 250, 10s. Memos, Posters, samples free.—'G' Tices, 11 Oaklands Grove, Shepherds Bush, London, W.12.

Advertising Pencils, Brushes, Combs, Raise Funds quickly, easily. Samples.—Price list from Northern Novelties, Bradford, 2.

A.P. The original 'Own Name' Novelty Specialists.—Novelties that make fund raising easy. Write for current price list. Est. 1925. Producers of fine publicity pencils.—Airedale Press Ltd., Dept. 'B', P.O. Box 60, Mossar Street, Bradford, 3.

Guider's H.Q. battledress blouse and skirt.—40/44. Worn twice.—£3 10s.—Box 756.

Guider's tailored tunic and skirt.—Bust 34, hips 38. Excellent condition. £3 10s. including white shirt. —Box 752.

Guider's full uniform.—Extra blouse and tie. Size 36-30-40. £3 the lot, sold separately. —Box 754.

HOLIDAYS AND CAMPING

Cornwall.—Three-berth, fully equipped caravan to let. Calor gas heating and cooking. Beautiful scenery.—Apply Mrs. Mullins, Cotswold Garage, Fowey, Cornwall.

Comfortable 4-berth Caravan.—Calor gas. Secluded site. Primroses and bluebells. Coast 8 miles. 5 gns. weekly. July/August 6 gns.—Lowndes, Elmtree Farm, Brook, Ashford, Kent.

If you are camping on the shores of Morecambe Bay this summer, we have branches at Silverdale, Arncliffe and Grange, and can cater for your needs.—Inquiries invited to **Carnforth Co-operative Society Ltd.**, New Street, Carnforth, Lancs.

Croydon Company, camping 6th-13th August, requires Q.M., could take eight of her Guides.—Box 755.

Wanted.—A.Q.M. and First Aider for Licence-test camp. Herts, 23rd-30th July. Will take six Guides.—Apply Craven, 33 Ravensbourne Gardens, W.13.

Life Saver required.—Guide camp in Jersey, 28th July-9th August.—Offers to Miss Luffman, 54 Bourne Road, Spalding, Lincs.

Quartermaster wanted for Guide camp in Bournemouth area. 23rd-30th July. Could include some Guides.—Martin, Highbridge House, Williton, Somerset.

Wanted: A.Q.M. for Pack Holiday at Maidenhead, 7th-13th August.—Apply Miss Cowles, 44 St. John's Road, Isleworth, Middlesex.

Would any company, Leicester area, please take nine Guides camping, summer holidays.—Replies to Miss Evans, Knipton, Grantham, Lincs.

Experienced Quartermaster wanted for camp, 6th-13th August, Wiltshire. Excellent river bathing and swimming instruction. Eight or 10 Guides welcomed with the Q.M.—Write Miss Rowe, Pitmore, Sway, Hants.

Would any company camping August be willing to consider about eight Guides, two Guiders joining them? —Box 753.

Brown Owl and few Brownies would like to join another pack for holiday in Derbyshire.—Apply Brown Owl, Parwick, 1st (St. Peters), nr. Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

Hauling of Camping Equipment, licence to calling any distance.—F. S. Tester and Son, Ardingly 258, Sussex.

Planning to Travel?—Why not stay at Buitenzorg, the Dutch Girl Guide Training Centre? Prices: f. 6 per day, everything included. Still some vacancies for August, 1955. Inquiries should be addressed to: The Guider in Charge, Buitenzorg, Amsterdamsestraatweg 57, Baarn, The Netherlands.

Lifesaver required for Guide camp at Charmouth, Dorset, 23rd July to 2nd August. Expenses paid.—Box 757.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Unfurnished accommodation urgently required in London area by Guider marrying shortly.—Tel. HIT 2940.

Wanted by married couple (Scoutmaster and Brown Owl) with one child, S/C. unfurnished flat, 3-4 rooms in Ilford/Chingford area.—Box No. 749.

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An opportunity to train for an interesting career as a **Home Teacher of the Blind.** Salary upon qualification £500 to £580 p.a. The nine months' course, which commences at Leeds in September, is the only course in the north and covers all examination subjects, including practical training in the field. Tuition fee, £75. Grants may be available.—Further details from **North Regional Association for the Blind, Leeds, 2.**

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All classes of Duplicating and Typewriting neatly and accurately executed by Guider. Prompt delivery. Discount to Guiders. —Alert Typewriting Bureau, 1 Peasmarsh, Gillingham, Dorset.

Advance Duplicating Service.—All classes typewriting, duplicating, prompt, accurate service. Guiders 10 per cent discount.—5 Warwick Avenue, South Harrow, Middlesex.

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NOTICE BOARD

Outward Bound Training Courses: Places are still available at the Outward Bound Training Courses for Girls at Capel Curig, Snowdonia, although the Eskdale and Bisham Abbey Courses are already full. The course lasts from 11th June to 7th July and is open to girls between 16 and 19 years of age.

Training at the Outward Bound Courses includes, according to facilities, the following outdoor activities: expeditions, canoeing, climbing, sailing, riding and camping; indoor activities: music, drama, first aid, home nursing and discussions.

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'Gilbert and Sullivan': An Illustrated Talk by Mary Chater will be given on Wednesday, 25th May, 1955, at the Guide Club, 46 Belgrave Square, S.W.1. Admission programmes, price 2s. 6d., are obtainable from the Secretary. Snacks will be available (*a la carte* prices) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and

tea and coffee will be served during the interval. Proceeds for the Guide Club 'Amenities Fund'.

For Roman Catholic Companies: The Catholic Guide Advisory Council are again organising a Group Camp for Catholic Non-Licensed Guiders and their Guides to be held at our Lady of Sion, Acton Burnell, near Shrewsbury, from Saturday, 13th August to Saturday, 20th August.

A limited number of applications from non-accompanied Guides will be considered, provided that these are made to the Captain of the company who may apply for four places. A Guider accompanying Guides will be allocated up to ten places **per Company.** Forms can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Catholic Guide Advisory Council, 20 Paulton's House, Paulton's Square, London, S.W.3, up to 1st June. Fees: £2 10s.

All forms must be signed by the Commissioner and Camp Adviser before being returned. A stamped addressed envelope, foolscap size, should be enclosed when sending for forms. Closing date 1st June, after which no application will be considered. Applications will be dealt with in the order that the completed forms are returned to the Secretary.

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